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Intimate date for star Julian

WORLD-CLASS cellist Julian Lloyd Webber may have had more on his mind than music – with a baby due in three weeks – but he gave his full attention to an intimate audience at a Hagley church. The musician, described as the “doyen of British cellists”, played to a sell-out crowd of 250 at St John’s Church in the grounds of Hagley Hall on Saturday night.

He featured as soloist with the West Midlands-based Orchestra of the Swan.

Horses seized under law from the 1800s

SIXTEEN stray horses have been seized by police since officers began rounding them up off Dudley’s streets almost a month ago.

Four have so far been reclaimed with owners each having to pay £400 in fines and livery costs. Horses were rounded up after reports from residents and taken to a paddock outside the Black Country.

An agreement between Dudley Council and police over how to tackle the issue has been drawn up after council officers uncovered a law dating back to the 1800s. It brought an end to months of uncertainty over who had responsibility for removing horses causing a nuisance. Hundreds of reports of animals

roaming Pensnett, Brockmoor, Kingswinford and Coseley were logged with the council since the start of the year.

Over recent months horses have run in front of cars, holding up traffic. In March firefighters rescued one after it fell into the Dudley Canal by the Parkhead locks near Holly Hall Road, Holly Hall, Dudley.

Undisclosed

Milkman Glyn Berrington, who has logged horses he spotted on his rounds says numbers of strays had fallen but there were still large groups in the Kingswinford area. The council is paying police an

undisclosed sum so strays can be seized and found permanent homes if unclaimed. Police say they will be kept for three days and if an owner cannot be contacted or come forward with ownership proof and settle fines, they will be found new homes.

Section 24 of the Town and Police Clauses Act 1847 says police can seize and impound cattle on a public highway.

In January council figures showed 414 reports of stray horses compared with 43 in January 2010.

Until the agreement the council was paying an outside agency to impound horses. In 2009/10, a dozen were captured. In Sandwell strays have been seen in Tipton and West Bromwich in recent months.

New boss in pledge to captain Yeltz ship

THE new owner of Halesowen Town FC has vowed to place the turbulent club back at the heart of the community.

Staffordshire-based businessman Steve Lynch has taken over the reins at The Grove, ending the tenure of controversial sibling owners Godfrey and Graham Ingram.

Mr Lynch, aged 40, claimed that the non-league club had been a “ship without a captain” and vowed to be hands-on in turning around its fortunes.

The businessman, who was originally from Sparkhill, in Birmingham, but now lives in Great Wyrley, was unable to reveal how much he has paid for the club due a confidentiality agreement signed with the Ingrams.

Atmosphere

Mr Lynch says the club does not carry major debts but urgent improvements to the stadium, in Old Hawne Lane, Halesowen, are the top priority.

He also revealed he had been out removing weeds from the stands in recent days.

“I’ve not come in to dictate,” he said. “This is a community club that needs community input and it needs help. I want to bring everyone together to restore some hope.”

“There is a good feeling about this place. I came to watch a game one week and went into the Yeltz bar afterwards and talked to people and there was such a good atmosphere.”

The club, established in 1873, was relegated from the Southern League Premier Division at the end of the season which finished last month and will now play in the Southern League Division 1 Central.

Dog walk to aid cancer charity

A SPONSORED dog walk will be held in the Black Country in aid of Cancer Research UK.

People are being invited to bring canine friends for a stroll around the grounds at at Himley Park on June 11. Organiser Becky Dorsett, aged 23, from Oldbury, said: “There will be a choice of two walk distances on the day.” Registration costs £6 per dog. For more details email bestpawfordhimley@hotmail.co.uk or call 07919 576403.

Night out on tiles

AUDIENCES can enjoy A Night on the Tiles with a Wombourne-based amateur theatre. Wombourne Players will be performing the show at Wombourne Community Centre in Church Road. It started its run on Wednesday and will run from 7.30pm each night to Saturday.

Specialist engineers in bid to salvage charred remains

CRYSTAL MUSEUM PLAN HIT BY BLAZE



Above: Groups of firefighters tackle the huge blaze which gutted a building at the Stuart Crystal site at Wordsley last week

Right: The charred timbers of the wrecked listed factory, parts of which are now facing demolition



PLANS for a multi-million-pound glass museum in the Black Country will go back to the drawing board after a huge blaze ripped through the site earmarked for the attraction.

But new Dudley Council leader Les Jones says he is still confident the Wordsley development will go ahead.

The Stuart Crystal site’s six buildings are all Grade II listed. Last Thursday’s fire gutted one of them.

Plans have been in the pipeline for four years for a £5 million glass museum on the site linked to the nearby Red House Glass Cone via an

underground tunnel. Now specialist engineers will determine the future of the gutted factory following the suspected arson attack.

Officials this week admitted that some of the affected building may have to be demolished but are awaiting an engineers’ report for a fuller picture.

David Freer, director of site owners Complex Developments, said the building would be assessed over coming days to determine how much of it can be salvaged.

He said: “I met with the head of conservation at Dudley Council and we made the building safe to the public by

erecting fencing. The council have asked for a specialist engineers’ report which will take some time.

“But the general consensus is that there will have to be some selective demolition.”

Plumes of black smoke could be seen for miles around as flames took hold at around 6pm.

Complicated

Up to 50 firefighters tackled the blaze. Loud explosions could be heard as windows smashed in the heat.

The blaze is a blow to £5m plans to transform the site. A bid for European funding is being drawn up but the cost

may now rise. Councillor Jones said: “When there are concerns over the structure it does change the plans because it is a listed building and efforts need to be made to preserve it. “It makes it more complicated and it will obviously affect the overall plans, but we are staying positive that it can go ahead.”

Arson is suspected at the site which has been targeted by vandals several times.

One of the other buildings was damaged by firebugs three years ago and the roof is still missing.

Sandra Parkes, aged 38, of nearby Marine Crescent, said: “I’ve lost count

of the number of fires there have been here in the last few years but this is the worst.”

“It’s usually gangs of kids breaking in. It’s been standing empty for so long and it has become a complete eyesore.”

John Langley, 41, who lives across the road from the site, saw the roof collapse.

He said: “I ran outside and saw it was the old factory. Then I heard a loud crash and saw the roof cave in, which threw a really big cloud of black smoke into the air.”

The Red House Glass Cone, opposite the Stuart Crystal site, remains open for business as usual.

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Percy Shakespeare's 'The Tennis Player'

Exhibition serves up Percy's painting

A PICTURE by a Dudley's artists will be under the spotlight at a national showcase after it was loaned to a new exhibition. Percy Shakespeare's 'The Tennis Player' has been selected for n Court on Canvas – Tennis in Art at the Barber Institute of Fine Art at Birmingham University.

The exhibition, which runs from May 27 to September 18, is the first of its kind to focus on lawn tennis.

The painting will be joined by works from LS Lowry, Winnie the Pooh illustrator EH Shepherd and David Hockney.

Others on display include the iconic 1970s Athena Girl poster taken by Stourbridge photographer Martin Elliot featuring his girlfriend at the time – Fiona Walker, also from Stourbridge.

Tragic

Shakespeare's painting is on loan from Dudley Museum and Art Gallery.

Dudley Council's director of urban environment John Millar said: "It is a wonderful opportunity to be able to showcase the work of Percy Shakespeare as part of this prestigious exhibition."

"Although not as well known as some of the artists in the show, in recent years the work of Percy Shakespeare has started to become more recognised."

"His tragic and untimely death means that we will only ever have a hint of the artist's true potential."

He was born in Kate's Hill in Dudley 1906 and studied art at the Dudley School of Art – now the site of Dudley Museum and Art Gallery – and then at the Birmingham School of Art.

His work provides an insight into every day 1930s leisure pursuits. He died in 1943.

Exhibition salutes the memory of 25 war heroes from former mining community

A BOOK commemorating the role of fallen soldiers from a mining community in Dudley during the Second World War has been launched at an exhibition.

The Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Peter Miller, and Mayoress Hilary Miller were at launch of the book *Holly Hall Heroes Remembered* at Woodside Community Centre, Highgate Road, on Saturday of last week.

The event marks the culmination of four year's research by Gornal historian Valerie Worwood, into the lives of 25 ser-

vicemen from the Holly Hall area of town who were killed during the conflict.

The exhibition included pictures and biographies of the soldiers, as well as old photographs of the former Low Town mining village where many of the servicemen lived.

Demolished

Mrs Worwood, who spent her childhood in Low Town, said it was a very close-knit community and many of the servicemen had grown up together.

Low Town was demolished in 1947 after it was ruled that its out-

dated houses, without modern such as electricity, were unsuitable for modern living. "A lot of the soldiers knew one another, they were all friends," she said.

The project was originally the brainchild of Jim Grainger, who led a campaign for the names of those killed during the Second World War to be added to the memorial at St Augustine of Hippo Church.

Up until the plaque was finally unveiled last year, the memorial had only featured the names of the men killed during the 1914-1918 war.

Mrs Worwood said the exhibi-

tion had been timed as close to the anniversary of VE Day as possible.

At the unveiling of the plaque last year, a survivor of the conflict, 93-year-old Ivan Walker who now lives in West Bromwich, met for the first time Tony Walker, the brother of his fallen comrade Walter Walker – no relation to Ivan – who was killed in action in France during July, 1944.

Dashing

Meanwhile, John Teece, who with his raffish good looks, sleek, combed back hair, and neatly trimmed moustache, looked every

inch the dashing airman, is another of those remembered at the exhibition. He was killed on a practice mission for the Normandy invasion, towing a glider full of soldiers on April 4, 1944.

Another of the remembered is Mick Donovan who was born in 1912 into a family of Irish descent which moved to Dudley looking for work.

Mick married Winifred Painter in 1932, and worked in the mines as well as at Flanagan's bedding company. He was killed, aged 33, during a mine explosion in the town of Knock in Belgium, while on an errand of Mercy.

Recall to prison for man arrested

A DUDLEY man arrested in connection with a "rogue trader" police operation has been recalled to prison for breaching terms of his probation.

The 37-year-old was arrested from his home in Brockmoor after a warrant was issued because he failed to meet the conditions of his licence, following his release from prison earlier this year.

Dudley Police arrested him at 2am on May 9 in the operation, in which four addresses in Dudley and Staffordshire were raided.

Started

It followed allegations of fraudulent building work in the area.

The man remains on police bail, along with a 41-year-old man arrested in the operation.

It was conducted by Dudley Police in conjunction with colleagues from Staffordshire Police and Trading Standards.

The investigation started after a number of reports of elderly and vulnerable residents having been charged for sub-standard or incomplete building and paving works.

In some cases victims reported feeling intimidated, leading to them handing over money for unfinished work.

Anyone with concerns is urged to contact West Midlands Police on 0345 113 5000 or speak to Trading Standards.

No time for travellers

TRAVELLERS at Halesowen bus station may be struggling for the time after the hands of the clock at the front of the site were removed.

They have been sent away for repairs after bosses noticed that the clock was not keeping time properly.

Transport chiefs at the Queensway station say it is hoped the clock will be working again shortly.

Centre spokesman Steve Swigler said: "We are glad passengers find it useful."

Barbecue date

A BARBECUE is being held at The Hollybush pub, Lye, at 4pm on Sunday, May 29, to help pupils at Halesbury School, Halesowen. There will also be live music and a raffle.

Cheers! New dray job for Duchess the pony

A 17-year-old piebald pony called The Duchess has a new career as a dray horse, pulling a cart laden with beer across Stourbridge.

She will soon become a familiar sight around the town centre, towing a dray cart.

Licensee Dave Craddock recently bought her to ferry ales the mile from his new brewery at the Duke William, Coventry Street, to his other pub, the Plough and Harrow, Worcester Street.

A second horse, Alfie, an 11-year-old

Welsh cob is also being trained to take some of the loads.

Alfie belongs to Dave's mother, Mrs Meri Craddock.

Both are currently being coached for their duties by Arran Parker, owner of the Student of the Horse livery, Six Ashes, near Enville.

Dave, 29, recently invested more than £20,000 in equipment to launch Craddock's brewery, based at the Duke William.

It is now in full production, with a capacity to produce up to 288 pints a week.

Dave, the single-handed brewer – and of the new beer, said: "We decided it would be lovely to see our traditional beer being moved around in the old-fashioned way."

"The Duchess has pulled loads before for her previous owners, although not beer, and now I am practising with her on a trap around the lanes."

"We are just trying to find a suitable cart to serve as the dray."

"When we have it ready, The Duchess will start to deliver our beer to the Plough and Harrow once a week, towing up to six firkins – each containing nine gallons of beer – across town on each journey."

Baby

"Alfie needs a bit more training and will need a larger trap but he will do some of the trips when he is ready."

The brewery's two launch brews were called First Born and Arthur Pint after the birth of Mr Craddock's first baby.

Arthur Craddock was born on March 22 at Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, and weighed in at 7lb 7oz.

His parents Rachel and Dave, both 29, live in Corser Street, Oldswinford.



Pub landlord and brewer Dave Craddock with his dray horse The Duchess

Housing to get improvements

A RAFT of improvements has been approved by Sandwell Council with funding from the Regional Housing Board, which is for non-decent homes, vulnerable households and growth projects. They include £500,000 for housing work in Carnegie Road, Blackheath, and Melrose Avenue, West Bromwich, and £229,000 towards demolishing a dilapidated shop in Hilton Road, Tividale. Councillor Steve Eling signed off funding as Sandwell's finance boss. Last financial year there was £937,000 of housing revamps.

Family takes up challenge of run

AN "ACORNS DAD" from Stourbridge and his daughter have sign up for a charity event in aid of the hospice.

Matt Greaves and Jessica, who has cerebral palsy, are taking part in the Triple Run at Malvern on Sunday, May 29.

The fundraiser at The Three Counties Showground brings in cash to provide care for more 600 local life limited and life threatened children and their families. The three-

race format comprises the Malvern half-marathon, the 5km spring fun run and the 1km Chicken Run, a wheelchair friendly course.

Matt, aged 33, is running the half-marathon while wife Natalie and Jessica – who both nearly died due to complications during the birth – will take part in the Chicken Run.

Matt said: "Jessica's face lights up when she sees the Acorns people, because she knows she's going to be treated like a queen."

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Window frames dumped at car park because fitter's skip was full

A WINDOW fitter dumped a pile of old frames on the car park of a Lower Gornal pub because his skip was full, a court heard.

Lee Avey, of New Birmingham Road, Tivdale, threw about 15 window frames outside The Crown, Holloway Street.

The 30-year-old worked for M&D Windows, which has since closed down, Dudley Magistrates' Court was told. The owners of the pub made the discovery on the morning of May 11 last year.

The rubbish was traced back to a house in Thornleigh, Lower Gornal – where the windows had been replaced by the firm, said Miss Neelam Bangar,

prosecuting on behalf of Dudley Council.

The manager of M&D, Darren Hanson was originally questioned but he told officers that Avey was the registered keeper of the van seen nearby when the waste was dumped.

Avey told the court: "I'm absolutely sorry about what I have done – it was a big mistake and I wasn't thinking."

Cleared

"I was meant to put it in a skip but there was no room – I hold my hands up, I know I've done wrong."

Miss Bangar said the owners of The Crown had cleared the rubbish up themselves – so the council would not ask for any compensation from Avey.

He was given an 18-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay costs of £295. In sentencing, chairman of magistrates Mr Barry Bainbridge said: "This is fly tipping of the worst sort and we take a very dim view of it."

But he added Avey had been given credit for his guilty plea and he hoped the sentence would be a "deterrent" for him. Under the conditional discharge, if Avey offends again during the next 18 months he will be punished for the new offence and this one.

Miss Bangar told the court Avey had not responded to a letter sent by Dudley Council asking for details of his use of the vehicle.

He had pleaded guilty to depositing

waste without an environmental permit. He also admitted failing to provide information required by a waste regulation authority.

Avey already owes the court £497 in outstanding fines for driving with no insurance and parking in a prohibited area, the court heard.

Serious

Mr Bainbridge said a further fine would not be appropriate as he would struggle to pay it. But he told Avey he must "keep out of trouble" or face a more serious sentence in the future.

Avey said: "I won't do anything like this again – I thought I could just stick my head in the sand and it would go away but I was wrong."

Driving ban for new nurse

A NEWLY-QUALIFIED nurse has been banned from driving after being caught at the wheel while more than twice the alcohol limit.

Stephanie Nicholls, aged 20, was arrested after her car was seen swerving and speeding in Birmingham Street, Stourbridge at about midnight on April 29.

Nicholls, of Quinton Drive, Russells Hall, Dudley, was found to have 84 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath, Dudley magistrates heard last

week. The limit is 35 microgrammes. She had drunk two glasses of wine, Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, said.

Nicholls, who qualified as a nurse last month, burst into tears as she told the court she would now struggle to get a job.

"I'm really sorry for what I've done and it was completely out of character," she said.

After pleading guilty to drink-driving, she was banned from driving for 12 months, fined £80 and ordered to pay £85 costs.

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Escape stairs for buildings

A GROUP of buildings in the heart of Dudley is to be improved as part of plans to regenerate the town.

Proposals for minor alterations to Holloway Chambers, Priory Street were approved by Dudley Council's development control committee.

Two spiral staircases will be built to the rear to provide emergency escapes at the building, which will continue to be used as offices.

Permission has also been given for the long-disused Elizabeth House, near the former Carver's Cafe site, to be converted into offices on the ground floor and a one bedroom flat on the first floor.

Objections over roof

PROPOSALS to raise the height of a bungalow roof and create a dormer window at the rear of the building have been put on hold for planners to visit the site.

Dudley Council's development control committee members said they were "not entirely happy" with the plans for the property in Kayne Close, Kingswinford.

Objections have been received from four residents who are concerned about the scale of the plans and the creation of a dormer window.

X Factor Leon to be top of the bill

FORMER X Factor winner Leon Jackson will headline the Party in the Park 2011 in Stourbridge this weekend.

Thousands of people are expected to flock to Swan Pool Park in South Road, Norton, on Saturday (May 21) for the event after the final line-up was unveiled.

A series of solo artists and bands will hit two stages. The party this year will be launching a new "buskers' stage" for performers to showcase their talent.

Jackson, who won X Factor in 2007, will headline, introducing fans to his new acoustic style.

He will perform alongside a string of national and local musical acts including 90s chart-toppers Let Loose, Manchester foursome The Mend and Stourbridge rockers Of Kings and Captains.

Displays

Others in the line-up include hip hop trio Marvell, Irish blues singer Leah McFall and rock quintet The Lights.

Meanwhile, a full-size wrestling ring will be set up in the main arena for two wrestling displays from professionals with Florida Championship Wrestling.

Children's TV favourites Ben and Holly from Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom will be dropping in, while Andrew Agnew, who plays Pc Plum in CBeebies show Balamory, will sing and tell stories.

Party in the Park, organised by Stourbridge & Black Country Events, runs from 11am to 5.30pm. More details at www.sbevents.co.uk

Family set for legal fight despite inquest verdict

THE family of a man who died after a breathing tube came loose from his throat is suing Russells Hall Hospital – despite a coroner saying staff had treated him "properly".

Alan Hickman, aged 62, of Leahouse Road, Tipton, died 12 days after being admitted to the Dudley hospital with breathing problems, an inquest heard.

He was given a tracheotomy – where a tube is inserted into the windpipe – but the tube came loose during physiotherapy and

oxygen he was being given was prevented from reaching his lungs.

Coroner Mr Robin Balmmain recorded a narrative verdict and said he was satisfied that Mr Hickman was "treated adequately and properly". But Mr Hickman's family say his death could have been avoided.

The inquest heard that since Mr Hickman's death, guidelines into treating tracheotomy patients have been revised.

Now during physio sessions, the tube is held in place by one member of staff while the other rolls the patient over, said Catherine Carr, a physiotherapist at Russells Hall who treated Mr Hickman on June 13 last year – the day of his death.

The father-of-three, who worked as a universal grinder for 45 years, was diagnosed with pneumonia when he entered hospital on June 1 and was given the operation on June 11.

There was an air leak in the tracheotomy tube cuff and stitches had come undone on one side of the wound, Elizabeth Smith, an intensive care nurse, said.

Mr Michael Wingrave, a solicitor for the family, asked whether a doctor had been told about the leak – and she replied "no".

But Mr Balmmain said these were "not valid concerns for the purpose of the inquiry".

The cause of death was given as a cardiac arrest, caused by pneumonia and a tracheotomy.

Jennifer Emerson, of Irwin Mitchell solicitors, said the family would argue the air leak in the cuff should have been reported.

Paula Clark, of Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, said the narrative verdict recognised the procedures undertaken by the trust had been both necessary and carried out correctly.

Best wishes sent to councillor

DUDLEY Council's development control committee has wished one of its longest-serving members a "speedy recovery" after she suffered a heart attack two weeks ago.

Members said last week they would be writing to 79-year-old Brierley Hill Labour councillor Margaret Wilson to wish her all the best.

Councillor Wilson was taken ill at her home in Brierley Hill. She was discharged from hospital on Sunday and is now recovering at home.

Thief grabbed mobile off girl

A TEENAGER who snatched a mobile phone from a 12-year-old girl as she walked to school has been given a suspended prison sentence.

Roy Thomas, aged 18, of Nagersfield Road, Brierley Hill, stole the phone at 8.20am while the girl was alone.

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard last week he left her upset and needing to be comforted by staff at a nearby supermarket.

Mr Warren Stanier, prosecuting, said the victim,

who cannot be named for legal reasons, was speaking to a friend on the phone when Thomas approached her and took the phone.

He denied the theft – even after he had been identified by the victim in a parade, the court heard.

Thomas has two previous convictions for assault and was also found guilty of a sexual offence in 2008, Mr Stanier added.

He was given a six-month sentence suspended for two years, including a two-year supervision requirement.

Students wax and pain for gain



Kerry Greenaway, left, and Emily Hale, from Focus on Beauty, prepare Thomas Hickman for his leg wax and, inset, Mitchell Fox

TEENAGERS had a hair raising experience to raise cash for a charity helping a friend diagnosed with a brain tumour.

Mitchell Fox, aged 13, has been supported by Acorn's Hospice at Home project for about two years.

Friends at The Crestwood School, Kingswinford, organised charity events to raise cash and 14 teen boys had their legs waxed as school pals paid to see them do it.

Last week's event was one of four raising cash, to be split with Midlands Air Ambulance.

Another is an endurance challenge with pupils tackling a collective 100 miles walking, running, rowing, swimming and cycling. Deputy head Tony Bowles does a sky dive on June 11.

Thomas Hickman, aged 16, said: "We decided to pick Acorns because of the help they had given to Mitchell."

He organised the waxing with beauticians at Focus on Beauty, Barnett Lane, Kingswinford.

Mitchell's parents, Neil and Elaine Fox, said it would be difficult to cope if it was not for the help and support which carers have provided.

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Mohammed Aftab

Jeweller tells of hostage ordeal at hands of robbers

A JEWELLER has spoken of the horror of the night he, his wife and four children, including a baby, were held hostage by armed raiders who smashed into their Dudley home.

Five hooded thugs with hammers, a baseball bat and pickaxe handle, tied up Mohammed Aftab and his eldest son, Haider, aged 13.

They broke bones in Mr Aftab's toe using a hammer after he gave them a home safe wrong number and his arm with a pickaxe handle after forcing him to

let them into his shop, Rofia jewellers, Dudley.

Eventually Mr Aftab, aged 41, made them flee - grabbing a weapon from one, hitting him with it and smashing windows in their vehicle.

"The children were very frightened and my nine-year-old daughter, Rofia, was crying," said Mr Aftab, who has run his Wellington Road business for 10 years.

The family were in their living room in the Dixons Green area on the evening of the Royal Wedding on April 29 as the men,

all white, smashed glass in the door to get in at about 9.30pm.

Mr Aftab was with wife, Shabana, 41, Haider, Rofia, and sons Suhaib, nine, and Shazeb, three months.

"They took us hostage and tied up Haider and me, with our hands behind our back," he said.

Mrs Aftab had to shout the safe number and raiders took a haul worth several thousand pounds, including jewellery given to baby Shazeb, passports, documents and jewellery. Three men took him

in their van, leaving his family with the other two, to his shop, where he pressed the alarm panic button.

Two ran but another hit him with a pickaxe handle.

"I managed to grab the pickaxe handle off him and hit him back twice before he ran out and got into the van with the others," he said.

He used the pickaxe handle to smash windows and the windscreen of the van.

A taxi driver took him home where other raiders had fled.

Estranged husband sentenced over chase

A "JEALOUS" Black Country businessman pursued his estranged wife and a man in a film-style car chase boxing them in before punching the driver, a court heard.

Jonathan Chamberlain, who lives in Lye, also made a gesture in the shape of a pistol and the 51-year-old made telephone threats that he would blow their heads off.

The chase on January 9 ended outside Kidderminster police station. Chamberlain, of Bromley Street, admitted assaulting Wayne Robinson, making a threatening phone call, driving his Mercedes car in Franche Road, Kidderminster, without due care and using threatening behaviour.

Sharp

Magistrates in Kidderminster gave him an 18-month community order, 150 hours unpaid work, banned him from driving for six months, and ordered him to pay £200 compensation to Mr Robinson and £500 costs.

They also imposed a restraining order banning him from contacting his wife, Julie Chamberlain.

Mr Robinson described it as being "like a car chase from a film".

He told police Chamberlain's fists "came flying" through the window and he felt a sharp blow.

Mr John Harnshaw, defending, said the couple had been together for 32 years, married five years ago and had three sons.

He said Chamberlain had been "jealous" because he suspected she was having an affair with Mr Robinson and acted out of character.

Homes plan for pub site rejected

PLANS to demolish a disused Dudley pub and replace it with nine homes have been rejected over fears the development would create anti-social behaviour problems at a nearby public right of way.

The scheme for the Freebodies Tavern site, in St John's Road, Kates Hill, had been recommended for approval by Dudley Council.

But at a meeting of the authority's development control committee last night, members unanimously voted to reject the plan after visiting the site.

Single lane bridge scheme dropped

PLANS to make a busy bridge in Stourbridge single lane have been dropped. Dudley Council had proposed the scheme to save wear on the railway bridge in Vicarage Road, Ambicote.

Work had been due to start in January but was put on hold after residents in Vicarage Road, Kirkstone Way and Hillgrounds Road said they had not been consulted. Cabinet member for highways Councillor Angus Adams said repairs would go ahead.

Worker lost his thumb in preventable accident

A BLACK Country engineering firm has been ordered to pay more than £10,000 after a worker lost his thumb when it was crushed during a lifting operation at a factory, Dudley Magistrates' Court was told.

Terence Grove, a 55-year-old mechanical engineer at MI Engineering Company Ltd, was using a rope sling attached to a crane to lift a half-ton angle plate when the sling snapped.

The thumb on his right hand was crushed by the falling steel plate and had to be amputated.

The was prosecuted by the Health and Safety Executive after the incident in June 2010 at its site in Bromley Street, Lye.

Dudley Magistrates' Court heard Mr Grove now has difficulty carrying out everyday activities such as holding a pen, cutlery and tools and getting dressed.

He has returned to work but has to do everything left-handed or ask colleagues for help, said Health and Safety Inspector Mrs Angela Gallagher.

He requires a further operation later this year to remove a number of pins from his hand.

Disabled

An investigation found Mr Grove had been using the sling for five or six years without any safety checks.

There was also no information on a maximum weight that could be used.

Mrs Gallagher said the firm had not done any risk assessments for work and relied on the judgement of their workers.

The company, which has 20 workers and has been in business for 20 years, pleaded guilty to breaching general duty to an employee under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974.

It was fined £7,500 and ordered to pay £3,321 costs.

Mrs Gallagher told the court: "This was a preventable incident that has left a man permanently disabled."

"It highlights the importance of properly managing health and safety in general, and in particular ensuring the risks from lifting heavy items are understood."

Mr Mike Dixon, defending, said the firm was "very sorry" for what had happened.

He added that the company had put new safety measures in place since the accident.

Hall to honour armed forces at special day

FORMER servicemen and women will be honoured at a special Armed Forces Day event at Himley Hall. The mayor of Dudley will be presenting HM Armed Forces Veterans Badges during the celebrations planned for June 26.

A military band will kick off proceedings with a concert and veterans and armed forces members will be guests of honour at an afternoon tea.

The event, which has been organised by Dudley Council, includes a display of military vehicles and an exhibition of wartime history.

There will also be free family entertainment as part of the day such as a climbing wall challenge and scramble nets.

Mayor of Dudley Peter Miller said: "This is an opportunity to celebrate everyone connected to the armed forces and the hugely valuable work they do."

"That could be people who used to serve, as well as those from more recent conflicts around the world."

"Last year's event was a huge success, and I am sure this year's event will be a fantastic occasion."

Visitors can also take along a picnic to enjoy on the lawns of the park.

There will also be an opportunity to talk to armed forces members about their work, and also provide servicemen and women with information on support and advice in the community.

The event will begin with the military band concert from 2.30pm.

Badges

HM Armed Forces Veterans Badges are available to people who have served in HM Armed Forces.

Anyone who thinks they are entitled to one of the badges can contact the Service Personnel and Veterans Agency, Norcross, Thornton-Cleveleys, Lancashire, FY5 3WP; Freephone 0800 169 2277 or email SPVA-VeteransBadges@mod.uk

Anyone who has already received one of the badges but has not had it formally presented to them, can contact Dudley Council on 01384 815201 to be part of the ceremony.

Other veterans and serving armed forces personnel are also asked to contact the council on the same number if they are planning to attend.

Thousands of jobs hope at zone bid site

MORE than 4,000 jobs may be created in Kidderminster if the town becomes an Enterprise Zone. Plans centre on South Kidderminster Business Park.

It includes established firms such as boat maker Sealine, Victoria Carpets and rocket maker Roxel.

The Government is creating 21 zones across England.

Locations for the first 11 zones include the Black Country, Birmingham and Solihull, Manchester, Liverpool and London.

A further 10 will be chosen and Kidderminster is bidding to be among them.

If the town application is approved, business leaders from regeneration group, ReWyre, say it will boost the town economy by attracting new businesses and could create more than 4,000 jobs.

Superfast broadband would be rolled out and road improvements made.

The business park would expand to include established Stourport Road and Worcester Road business sites while 40 hectares of cleared land will be available for new development including the former British Sugar and National Standard sites.

Deals keep family homes

MORE than 20 Dudley families who were faced with the prospect of having their property repossessed have been given help to ensure they could stay in their homes.

Officials have stepped in to help households through the Government Mortgage Rescue Scheme, which was first introduced in January 2009 as a safety net for owners facing repossession. New figures from

Dudley Council show there have been a total of 23 rescues completed up until the end of March this year. Under the scheme instead of owning their home via a mortgage, residents are converted to affordable rent schemes.

New criteria has also been brought in for the scheme and the highest priority will now be given to households whose need would be difficult to meet.

There is a lot of Lottery joy



Double celebrations for Ian Johnson, executive director of the Black Country Learning Academy, director Kerry Drew and Aaron Johnson, front

A DUDLEY girls' football club and a computer training academy are celebrating after winning a slice of over £620,000 worth of lottery cash.

The Big Lottery Fund has issued Awards for All grants totalling £623,546 to 79 projects in the West Midlands.

Among them are Dudley United Girls and Ladies FC, which has been allocated £9,000 to set up a school holiday programme encouraging youngsters to take part in physical activities.

Black Country Learning Academy has received £10,000. The academy based at Turner House in Wrens Nest

Road, will use a £10,000 grant to provide computer training courses to people aged over 16 in the area.

It has recently received a licence to train people in Microsoft Office specialist certification training and in the use of programs such as Adobe.

Executive director Ian Johnson said: "It will help us to provide training for academy users in Dudley and open up new opportunities for its employment."

Brickhouse Primary School in Dudhill Road, Rowley Regis, has been boosted by a £9,975 grant to develop an unused piece of land into a community landscape.

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Hot-shot Alexander aims to be new Tiger

HE is just six, but little Alexander Dommett-Pelaez is already preparing to jet across the Atlantic for an international golf competition.

The talented youngster from Tividale has won the UK finals of the Callaway Junior World Championships and is now flying to San Diego for the worldwide version of the competition.

The championships are the oldest and most prestigious junior golf competition in the world, which has

seen the likes of Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson take part.

The youngster recently took part in the championship's national competition at the Three Hammers Golf Complex in Coven where he battled against dozens of other junior players to win with an 18-hole round of 67.

Standing at just over 3ft high, the pupil from Oakham Primary School in Tividale will be packing his bags in July and heading off to the championships.

Father Andrew Dommett says Alexander was only two when he became interested in the sport and that was when he received the nickname 'Little Seve' after his hero Seve Ballesteros.

"It was four years ago when he watched the Masters with me and he was transfixed by Tiger Woods," says Andrew, 42, who lives with his wife Marta in City Road, Tividale.

Alexander has also qualified for the European Championships being held in Scotland in June.

Councillor praised as he takes on new role

A COUNCILLOR was given a round of applause at the end of his last meeting as chairman of Dudley Council's development control committee and told he would be "missed".

Councillor Tim Wright stepped down as head of the committee as he prepares to take on his new role as deputy leader of Dudley Council.

The ward member for Gornal was named as the new second-in-command of the authority at a meeting on Monday last week follow-

ing last week's shock election result where leader Anne Millward lost her seat. Councillor Les Jones has now been named new leader of the council.

Councillor Wright has served as chairman of the development control committee for more than four years.

Committee vice-chairman Colin Banks said Councillor Wright had been an excellent chairman.

"He has steered the committee very well for the past few years and has put in a

tremendous amount of work. "He will be missed."

Councillor Wright said he had enjoyed his time as chairman of the committee.

"I would like to thank the committee and officers. I have enjoyed my time on the development control committee very much."

"However when this opportunity came along it was just too good to pass up. "I hope to serve the people of Dudley just as well in my new position as deputy leader as I have done on this committee."

Crime, in the library with trio of authors



Principal librarian Lynda Wattis goes detective before the crime writers come to Halesowen Library

CRIME fiction fans can look forward to a thrilling evening with top tips on how to create the perfect novel when a trio of crime writers visit a library this month.

Such writing remains the most popular genre in libraries so visitors are promised a treat when the panel of crime writers visit Halesowen Library on Thursday, May 26 as part of this year's big book fortnight celebrations.

Established authors Sam Hayes, Barbara Nadel and debut author Julia Crouch will all talk about their latest chilling books.

Kate Millin, assistant director of libraries, archives and adult learning, said: "Crime fiction is so popular with our borrowers so it's great to have a trio of authors for people to meet and get some top tips which may inspire them to put pen to paper and create their own 'chilling novel'."

Big book fortnight is a joint project between Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton authorities aimed at inspiring more people to read.

Firefighter to tackle orphanage challenge



Russ Gauden, centre at the back beneath the cheque, at the presentation of three million shillings, which is about £1,500, for youngsters in the region



Russ Gauden, left, at Dudley Fire Station and, right, the keen rugby player teaching youngsters in Africa how to play his beloved game on a previous trip

A DUDLEY firefighter who searched for survivors in Japan is preparing for his next task – a three-week trip to Africa. Watch commander Russ Gauden, aged 39, was part of the International Search and Rescue Team that volunteered to help in the disaster-hit northern region of the country following the earthquake and tsunami which followed.

He is now going to Tanzania for the third time to help build an orphanage and train the fire service there. The six-strong West Midlands Fire Service team head out in June to help construct a physiotherapy unit at the Salvation Army's Matumi orphanage in Dar Es Salaam.

Firefighters from all across the West Midlands volunteer to go and are put on a waiting list. Cradley Heath watch commander Rudy Parkes, of Stourbridge and station commander at Oldbury and Cradley Heath, Dean Harris, also from Stourbridge went over last time.

Once there, the firefighters also work with a team called Night Support, which is the Tanzanian version of the fire service, teaching them how to deal with different incidents.

All training is carried out to UK standards but Mr Gauden, of Kinver, said their equipment and engines were at least 10 years behind those used here.

Range

He added: "There is a huge variation in the kinds of places they cover."

"It can range from shanty towns to the American embassy where ambassadors are staying, and they cover a patch three times as big as Birmingham."

"Water is also a lot scarcer."

Mr Gauden, who plays rugby for Kidderminster Carolians and for the fire services' national team, also enjoys helping children in Africa to learn the game while over there.

On a previous trip firefighters handed over a cheque worth £1,500.

Pub's revamp is too late for bowling club

PLANS to reopen a Dudley pub with a micro-brewery and a revamped bowling green have been approved – but it has come too late for the return of its bowling club after players called it a day.

The Woodman Inn in Leys Road, Brockmoor, will undergo an extensive refurbishment under the proposals. It was hoped the work would persuade players who used to be based at the pub to return. But former secretary of the Woodman Brockmoor Bowling Club, Trevor Pearson, said the club had closed due to "a lack of interest".

The club had been based at the pub for more than 40 years but was forced to move out when the venue shut its doors due to a drop in trade in April 2008. "It

wasn't the same playing in parks," said Mr Pearson. "We couldn't keep the club going and we finished two months ago. It's a shame."

Under the plans to refurbish the pub, the dining room will be extended and a new conservatory and beer garden built next to the bowling green.

The existing bottle store will be converted into new toilets, while a new bottle store will be put next to a micro-brewery.

A statement accompanying the planning application says: "The existing public house closed some years ago due to a fall in trade. It is proposed to undertake an extensive refurbishment and reopen the property."

Architect Gary Attwood from Eclipse Architecture, which lodged plans with Dudley Council, said: "Work will start within the next six months."

Epic mission for fundraiser

A MAN who originally hails from Brierley Hill is to embark on an epic bike ride across America to raise funds for Mary Stevens Hospice, Stourbridge.

Richard Slusarczyk, aged 52, will be starting at Disneyland, California, on Sunday and hopes to finish his challenge 55 days later, in Walt Disney World, Florida.

Anyone wishing to follow his daily adventures can read his bog at www.ameicaend2endbybike.wordpress.com. Mr Slusarczyk describes himself as a frustrated Wolves fan.

He said: "Cycling across America will seem like a piece of cake compared to staying in the Premier League."

Janet Jones, fundraising manager at the hospice, added: "Richard has been planning this for months and we are thrilled he is supporting Mary Stevens Hospice from the US."

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House waste found dumped at reservoir

Pupils enjoy their 'wedding day'

RECEPTION classes at Sledmere Primary School, School Drive, Dudley, took part in a mock wedding at Swan Street church, Netherton, for a project about weddings that coincided with the Royal Wedding.

Parents, staff and pupils dressed in their finest as the roles of bride, groom, vicar and the in-laws were played as the Rev Brian Payton from the church was on hand to "officiate".

A Rolls Royce picked up five-year-old brides Chloe Grainger and Sophie Jeavons, and took them to the church to meet "grooms" Ashton Hill and Koby Billingham.

Reception teacher Nicky Simmonds said the children all "thoroughly enjoyed" it.

"It was great fun, they all had a fantastic day," she said.

"We normally do a topic on weddings, but with the Royal Wedding we thought it was a great chance to show the children how it really works at a ceremony.

"We even had an official registrar on hand so the children could sign their marriage certificate."



Ashton Hill and Chloe Grainger, both five, with Chloe's grandmother, Teresa, and grandfather, Robert Mitchell, who supplied a Rolls Royce for a mock wedding ceremony

A MAN who paid a scrap dealer to get rid of rubbish has been ordered to pay £250 after it was found dumped in the car park at a beauty spot.

David Hughes, aged 20, of Ivy Road, Dudley, had paid the dealer £20 to get rid of the waste, Dudley magistrates heard.

Piles of carpets, bin bags and cardboard was found last November blocking two spaces of Netherton Reservoir car park.

The reservoir, also known as Lodge Farm Reservoir, attracts bird watchers from across the Black Country.

It was traced back to Hughes from addresses on documents found among the rubbish, said Miss Neelan Bangar, prosecuting on behalf of Dudley Council.

She said: "He was interviewed under caution and admitted paying the scrap dealer to get rid of the rubbish."

Claimed

Hughes, who is unemployed, told the court: "I did pay someone to move some bags for me. I didn't ask to see if they had a licence because I just believed them - I didn't take any more notice."

He claimed that not all of the waste in the car park was his. But Miss Bangar said he had been shown photos of the piles during the interview and had admitted it belonged to him.

Hughes was given a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered to pay £150 compensation and £100 costs after pleading guilty to failing to take measures to secure the authorised transfer of household waste.

Chairman of magistrates Mr Barry Bainbridge told him: "We accept that you acted in good faith and thought the rubbish would be taken."

"However, this is still a serious matter, but as you are a man of previous good character we will not fine you."

Chance to go batty, walking

VISITORS to the Saltwells Local Nature Reserve in Dudley can go on an evening walk to listen for bats next Tuesday. Those taking part in the event on May 24 from 9pm to 11pm, are asked to bring a torch. It is free to take part but booking is essential. For further details telephone 01384 812795.

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CS spray used to stop drink-driver



Ban - Ian Simmonds

A WINDOW fitter had to be stopped by police with a CS spray after his van hit parked cars while he was driving under the influence of drink, a court heard.

Residents had alerted officers after seeing the fitter's van collide with cars in Stourbridge.

Police gave chase when the van failed to stop, but it was being driven so slowly officers were able to get out and run alongside speaking to the driver through an open window, magistrates heard. When he still refused to

stop he was sprayed with CS gas. Ian Simmonds, aged 36, of Lark Hill Road, Stourbridge, was banned from driving for two years, given a community order for 12 months, ordered to carry out 100 hours of unpaid work and told to pay £85 costs.

He pleaded guilty at Dudley Magistrates' Court last week to driving above the alcohol limit, driving without due care and attention and failing to stop after an accident.

Tests found he had 90 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath, the court heard. The legal limit is 35.

Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, said police had been patrolling along The Broadway, near its junction with South Road, when they heard shouts from residents.

"People had seen Simmonds hit a number of parked cars and were shouting for him to stop the van," Mr Cooper said. "Police gave chase.

Stopped

"Originally they followed in their car but the van was so slow they were able to get out and run alongside so they could speak to him through an open window. "He still did not stop so one of the officers used CS spray.

"The van stopped and the defendant got out the cab. He smelled of intoxicants and his eyes were glazed."

Mr David Wilkins, defending, said: "He had not planned to get behind the wheel on that day.

"But following the argument with his girlfriend had decided to drive home.

"This is a one-off blot on his copybook."

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Unpaid fines are tackled

CRIMINALS with outstanding court fines have been rounded up by Dudley police as part of a new operation.

Officers, in conjunction with HM Court Service and Dudley Magistrates' Court, held a day of action this week to arrest people with unpaid fines for crimes such as shop lifting.

The combined efforts and sharing of information led to the execution of warrants at several addresses.

The raids were part of an operation called Next Steps which has been launched by Dudley police to tackle hotspots with high levels of burglary, robbery, theft, criminal damage and anti-social behaviour.

Acting Sgt James Gregory, of the Dudley north next steps team, said: "All of the warrants executed relate directly to the Dudley Next Steps area.

"Two offenders were taken directly to court which related to £7,000 of outstanding court fines."

Ghost hunt at castle grounds

A GHOST hunt will take place in the grounds of Dudley Castle. People can explore the 11th century ruins in the grounds of Dudley Zoo using hi-tech equipment on May 27.

Zoo spokeswoman Jill Hitchman, said people would be encouraged to explore psychic abilities and hauntings. The event runs from 8pm to 2am. Book at www.dudleyzoo.org.uk or call 01384 215313.

Jane makes marathon effort

A WOMAN'S marathon effort for charity looks set to raise around £1,000 to help lupus sufferers.

Jane Tibbitts, aged 53, of Hillside Avenue, Quarry Bank, only took up running at the age of 49 when she spotted an advert for a beginner course at Dudley Ladies Running Club. Since then she has got hooked and took part in this year's London marathon with club running mate Jill Bayliss raising funds for the West Midlands Lupus Group.

Jane, an administration assistant at Merry Hill Windows, Brierley Hill, said: "I think the reason I enjoy running so much is the friendship with the running club."

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Anchor that's welded in town history



The artwork made by Luke Perry

ASTRIKING new entrance feature with a link to the region's heritage has been created outside a Stourbridge primary school.

Cradley Heath sculptor Luke Perry has erected an anchor made out of steel objects at Pedmore CofE Primary School in Hagley Road, Pedmore. Mr Perry, who used to attend the school, worked alongside youngsters who helped him weld the items together.

The project gave pupils the chance to look at the the heritage of the Black Country and they were able to visit the Solid Swivel Factory in Cradley Heath.

The subject was chosen for its great significance to the area because the original anchor for the Titanic was made in Netherton.

Mr Perry presented the Channel 4 series Titanic: The Mission, which saw a replica of the anchor made. Thousands lined the streets as the programme retraced its original journey taken in 1911 after it was built at Noah Hingley & Sons.



Artist Luke Perry with pupils who helped to make an anchor out of steel

Finance officer stole £26,000

A FINANCE officer who stole more than £26,000 from the Black Country charity she worked for has been jailed for 15 months.

Hayley Jones altered cheques sent to the Open College Network and paid them into her own account, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Jones, of Claremont Road, Sedgley then fiddled the books of the charity at Pendeford Business Park to cover up. She was confronted and sacked from her £15,000-a-year post after admitting the fraud.

Prosecuting, Mr. Jonathan Veasey-Pugh said the scam by the mother of one worked on 28 cheques before bank officials

spotted a suspicious signature. Jones, aged 30, had also kept £365 paid into a lottery syndicate by colleagues at the charity where she was considered to be "the life and soul of the office," said Mr Veasey-Pugh.

That cash has since been paid back, but not the fraud money. The college receives money from educational organisations

to license schools and give qualifications to their students.

Mr Edward Soulsby, defending, said: "Despite the glorious title she was just the office clerk." She had taken out "silly loans at enormous interest" for a holiday and to buy a car.

Jones admitted fraud by abuse of position and false accounting involving £26,198.

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BOOKS

Moon, mind and the multiverse

Nocturne: A Journey in Search of Moonlight - James Attlee (Hamish Hamilton, hardback, £18.99)

ILL met by moonlight, moonstruck, by the light of the silvery moon... there is something in that reflected radiance of earth's natural satellite which casts an almost magical spell.

Despite being a no-nonsense rationalist, Oxford author James Attlee also comes under its spell in this globe-trotting exploration of moonlight.

With much of the urbanised world now lacking moonlight due to the spread of artificial lighting, Attlee seeks the lunar glow by climbing Mount Vesuvius by night, visiting the interstellar light collector in the Arizona desert and going in search of a Blue Moon in the mountains of Wales.

He also explores moonlight in art, myth, science and culture. It's an engaging journey of discovery, one that will make you yearn for a night of moonbeams.

The Hidden Reality - Brian Greene (Allen Lane, hardback, £25)

AMERICAN physics and mathematics professor Brian Greene takes the reader gently by the hand and explains the latest theories from the cutting edge of cosmology and physics. This is head-spinning, mind-blowing stuff which leaves the ordinary man's supposition that the universe means all there is - everything - gathering dust. Here he explores the latest proposals for the multiverse, a plethora of theories for parallel universes. Some are so far away that it is hard to conceive the distance, others are just millimetres away, co-existing yet invisible, hidden from view.

We have the *braneworld* scenario, an offshoot from superseding theory, in which different worlds co-exist as adjacent slabs, like the slices of bread in a loaf, next to each other but independent. Or the *quilted multiverse* where an infinite reality means infinite realities, a myriad of universes in which everything that could ever happen does happen. It means that somewhere else in the multiverse your doppelganger was reading this article 10 minutes ago, or in another 'you' just skipped straight to the sports pages, or in another you decided to watch TV instead, etc. Then there are the bubble worlds of the *inflationary multiverse*, realities that pop in and out of existence in a great cosmic foam of universes.

Those are just the straightforward scenar-

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ios. Things get really weird with the *holographic multiverse* when events in our reality are an echo or a mirror to events in a parallel universe. Or, a certain favourite among sci-fi fans, the *simulated multiverse* in which our reality is a construct, something created by an alien intelligence (not so much an ET than an ED, extra-dimensional). If you imagine this simulated universe being like an online computer game, then the real reality is the one in which the servers exist, where the plug can be pulled. Some of these theories sound like they're taken from an episode of Doctor Who, though perhaps the most exciting thing about the multiverse is that it suggests a world of boundless possibilities that could make truth stranger than science fiction.

It is to Greene's credit that he takes you on his journey through such brain-bending theories without being patronising; extra detailed information is there in the footnotes. But most readers will be happy enough if his metaphors help them grasp the outlines of these rarefied but well-informed ideas based in mathematics and science. Anyone tempted to dismiss these theories as existing only in the minds of boffins should think of the vast resources that have been put into building the Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland. The holy grail for many of the scientists carrying out proton smashing experiments there is to register energy disappearing to another dimension - thus proving the existence of the multiverse.

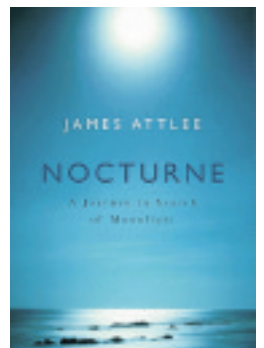
Moonwalking with Einstein - Joshua Foer

(Allen Lane, paperback, £14.99)

IF, like me, you have a problem recalling your mobile telephone number, this book will have you gasping with awe or seething with jealousy. This is a book about memory and how certain individuals can train their brain to remember incredible detail.

In the case of the US Memory Championship, you are given just five minutes to memorise the sequence of 52 playing cards. American journalist Joshua Foer sets himself that formidable task by entering the competition, which involves a year of training in memory techniques, some methods dating back to such ancient philosophers as Cicero. His breezy and self-deprecating style will soon have you cheering Joshua on.

As well as an enjoyable true life yarn, the author passes on some of those techniques.



These involve creating a 'memory theatre', a place in the mind where every object and event has significance to represent the number or whatever else you wish to remember, and the more bizarre the better to recall them - hence the book's title, *Moonwalking with Einstein*, his way of recalling the three of diamonds. As for the outcome of the championship... well, let's just say that his book has been optioned to be a Hollywood movie.

NASA Space Shuttle; RMS Titanic; Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress (all Haynes, hardback, £19.99)

THESE recent titles in the unsurpassed Owners' Workshop Manual series from Haynes are stretching owner tag somewhat... a battered old Ford Capri maybe, but a second hand space shuttle in the garage! But that doesn't matter when this brings the Haynes hallmark of attention to detail to these incredible crafts.

Sussex-based Dr David Baker, who worked with NASA on the Gemini, Apollo and Shuttle programmes, brings his considerable expertise to the *Nasa Space Shuttle* story, which is ending this year after 30 years and 140 missions. His book includes 250 photographs and technical illustrations.

Marine engineer Richard P de Kerbrech and engineer and draughtsman David Hutchings have collaborated on the volume about the ill-fated Titanic, which sank on her maiden voyage across the Atlantic in 1912. They also pinpoint why this massive liner did not live up to the 'unsinkable' boast.

Essex engineer Graeme Douglas has almost 30 years' experience working as an engineer on the B-17 Flying Fortress, the mightiest of all the American bomber planes. In another well-illustrated book, he gives an insight into the history of, and the actual experience of, flying, the rumbling 'Queen of the Skies'.

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Footballer shapes up for big day

A TEENAGE footballer from Dudley helped get players in shape during a day of work experience at Derby County.

Kate Grainger, of Holly Hall, was chosen from hundreds of entries in a What's Your Goal competition.

The 15-year-old Wolves fan who had a serious operation on her foot at the age of five, now plays for the Wolves girls under-16 side. But she said

this was the proudest moment of her footballing life so far.

She spent the day with Derby County academy coach Darren Wassall, and took over a coaching session with the under-18s.

Kate's ambition is to take on a player-coaching role in America, but the Holly Hall School pupil intends to study sport at university first.

Her day in Derby was her first experience of coaching and she "loved it", she said.

Demand for area to get its own health centre

Callum is guest of honour

AROUND 100 fundraisers turned out to support a Stourbridge teenager paralysed by a BMX accident.

Friends and family joined Callum Loveridge, aged 17, for the event at the Copthorne Hotel, in Brierley Hill.

The youngster, from Wollaston, was injured around 12 months ago and has been receiving treatment for his injuries which have left him in a wheelchair.

Just days after the incident, friends and family formed the Cal4U committee to help his parents buy equipment needed to help make his life easier.

Various fundraising events have been held, including black tie balls, motocross events and live music nights.

The event in Brierley Hill was given a Royal theme. Callum arrived in a special limousine.



Supporters, back, Ket Hill; Summer Hiscox, seven; Alison Booth; Charlotte Wells, 14; organiser Nicky Fleming; Jordan Owen, 14 and Isobelle Loveridge, 11, with her brother Callum Loveridge, front, and parents Kim Rufford and Adrian Loveridge

RESIDENTS and traders are calling for a new health centre to be built for Cradley Heath and Old Hill.

The campaign comes as plans for two new health surgeries in Great Bridge and Oldbury, worth £10.6 million in total, are submitted.

Re-elected ward Councillor Ann Shackleton, who is spearheading the campaign, said people should not be expected to travel to Langley for medical advice and called for health bosses to consider a new facility in the area.

Traders said they welcomed the campaign. Amy Bolton, who has working for TeeT Shirts, Upper High Street, Cradley Heath, for two years, said a new facility would be a boost for the area.

Miss Bolton, aged 18, who has suffered back pain for years and attends Church View Surgery, Halesowen Road, said: "I think a health centre would be great for the area. Church View Surgery is good but it would be fantastic for the area to have a state-of-the-art facility."

Gathering

Dave James, of Cradley Heath Army Stores, Upper High Street, added: "Anything brought into the area has got to be an advantage. The only problem might be parking. Parking is the biggest problem for anything now in Cradley Heath."

"I hope it does not come by the shops in Upper High Street but anything coming in would be good news."

Councillor Shackleton said she would begin gathering names for a petition within days. She added: "It has been mentioned that people from Cradley Heath, Old Hill, Blackheath and Rowley will be expected to use the Langley Centre. This is not acceptable."

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Band hit by new fees makes vow to play on

A WINDBAND in Dudley has vowed not to let the introduction of council fees stop it performing.

The Thorns Community Music group, which currently has 30 players, was the only free night school activity left in the area.

But as the spring term got under way, members were required to pay a compulsory £40 fee after new rates were set by Dudley Council.

Group leader and professional musician Bobby Johnson wants to increase the group to at least 50 players. He hopes that having more members would reduce the fee.

Bobby, who has been running the group for the past two years, said: "I get a lot of excitement when I hear the group perform and I would love to welcome even more players."

Shame

"It is such a shame that these fees have been brought in but I really hope that it doesn't deter people from joining."

"For many the band is a chance to do something they love but for one reason or another haven't had the right opportunity to do it."

"The group has a lot of potential and everybody is adamant we will keep on playing. We are open to all offers of performances."

The band rehearses on Wednesday evenings, from 7-9pm, at The Thorns Community College, Quarry Bank, and would welcome musicians who specialise in flute, clarinet, brass, bass guitar, tuba and percussion. Call Bobby on 01384 394501 for details.



Tom Lawrence, front, from Romsley, with, back from left, Violet Taylor of Wombourne, Bobby Johnson from Stourbridge and Adrian Barrett from Kingswinford

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Promoting the fun day drum workshop at the Sledmere Community Centre are back, committee members Vanessa Mason, Karen Rossiter and Janet Willemt, with, front, Grace Mason, aged three, Harley Welsh, three and 17-month-old Elijah Bennett

Drumming up support for day of fun

COMMUNITY volunteers are holding a family fun day next Tuesday.

Sledmere Community Centre, on School Drive, is hosting the event, which is aimed at attracting new visitors.

People will be invited to enjoy mask making workshops, African drumming, a bouncy castle and a fun bus.

The event has been organised by a brand new committee which has pledged to breathe new life into the building, based in the grounds of Sledmere Primary School.

Dudley restaurant Chiquitos will join in

the fun with food taster sessions and gift bags, while other activities include Zumba dance workshops, family learning information and community safety displays courtesy of local police.

The centre is enjoying a new lease of life following a successful lottery bid by St Thomas's Community Network, in a drive to bring new opportunities to the ward.

Coffee mornings are already taking place every Thursday during term time between 9am and noon. Future plans include a moms and toddlers group, IT classes and a crèche.

Centre chair Vanessa Mason said: "We are really excited about our event and hope that lots of local people will come along and join us."

"We've got a great centre here with good facilities and it's about to get even better. Our big dream is to see the centre revitalised and creating a sustainable future," she added.

The fun day takes place from 1-4pm and a free buffet lunch will be served.

For more information email jenny.gregory@dudley.gov.uk or call 01384 818990.

Subway campaigner Trudy dies at age of 96

A RETIRED beauty shop owner who led a one-woman crusade to improve pedestrian safety after being mugged in Stourbridge subway has died aged 96.

Trudy Curnin hit the headlines eight years ago when she began campaigning for the closure of the town centre underpass.

Police officers, who were inspired by her fight for safer streets, opened the country's first underground police station in the subway and invited her to its opening.

The hairdresser was born in Brierley Hill and was one of 11 children. Mrs Curnin, of Parkfield Road, Stourbridge, whose late husband, Eric, was a driving instructor, ran a beauty parlour in Stourbridge town centre for 15 years.

Her nephew Norman Glover, of Norton, said: "She always said she wanted to make plain

people beautiful." She was forced to close her shop for the building of the Ryemarket Shopping Centre in the 1970s.

Mr Glover said it was her "very spirited" character that led to her crusade to have the underpass by Stourbridge bus station closed after she was robbed in May 2003.

Her late sister, Nell Glover, had also been mugged in another Stourbridge subway a few years earlier.

Base

"She was quite formidable and had very strong views about everything," he said.

As a result of her campaign, which included writing to former prime minister Tony Blair, police opened the underground base in 2004 which helped to cut crime across the town by 35 per cent. But they were forced to close it after 18 months due to a lack of funds. Mrs Curnin died on April 23.



Trudy Curnin, inset, and above with Councillor Les Jones in the Stourbridge subway where she was mugged in 2003

Voters make choice on market makeover

MORE than 600 people have voted for their favourite design for a revamped Dudley market place as part of a £6 million scheme.

Shoppers and traders were asked for their views on three options for the new layout.

One of them attracted the lion's share of the votes. All the options include vintage-style canopies to replace the tiled roof over the stalls and the creation of a

"market boulevard" pathway through the centre. Three designs with different stall layouts were drawn up and people were asked to pick their favourite.

The most popular was option three which received 470 votes. It would see two rows of stalls offset along each side of the market's central "historic spine" to encourage browsing.

Option one which had two rows of stalls with a tree-lined boulevard, got 83 votes. Option two

which had stalls one side of the market's spine, received 78.

Dudley Council, which is behind the plans, said all the feedback would be analysed and a fourth option could be created, influenced by people's comments.

Under all the plans, the statue of legendary Dudley footballer Duncan Edwards would be moved to the other end of the market towards Bottom Church, and the 19th century fountain would be refurbished.

Worker is cleared by inquiry

AN investigation into safeguarding children's issues at Sandwell Council has cleared an employee of any wrongdoing.

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Old Swinford Hospital, Stourbridge, founded by Thomas Foley in 1667



The magnificent ballroom at Witley Court in 1920, destroyed by fire in 1937

Foley family's wealth was forged from iron furnaces

FOR as long or as long as he can remember, Roy Peacock has walked over a slab of stone with Richard Foley's name on it. In fact, anyone who has been to St Mary's Church in Old Swinford, Stourbridge, will have stepped on the memorial stone.

It commemorates a man who turned around the fortunes of his family. Roy, aged 75, decided to put together a talk on the Foley family as a tribute to the part they played in putting the Black Country on the map.

Once he started investigating the family he discovered that while there was a lot of material on their iron business, there was hardly anything about the people themselves. After



Thomas Foley in 1660, pointing to his will which he insisted on being written into the painting

more than three years of research Roy has put together a book called *The Seventeenth Century Foleys - Iron, Wealth and Vision 1580-1716*.

Richard Foley was born in 1580 into a family of nailers in High Street, Dudley, and he was an ambitious man.

"Richard started leasing out furnaces and forges and, for the first time, developed the slitting mill and made it a success," says Roy, who was a history teacher at King Edward's School, Stourbridge.

Development

"Until then workers had to chisel out a strip of metal and so the slitting mill was a great development - and the first one was at Kinver on the River Stour. He made a lot of money."

Richard lived in High Street, Stourbridge in what is now the Talbot Hotel.

"Richard had 13 children and they all did well with the boys going into the iron industry and the daughters



Bewdley in the 1800s, left, when the Foleys became landed gentry

marrying well," says Roy, a member of the Black Country Society since 1968.

Richard's eldest son, also named Richard, went to live at Netherton Hall.

The second Richard went to Birmingham to buy and sell iron to help boost the family business.

"Richard's second son, Edward, became a captain in the Civil War, but it was probably the third son, Thomas, who became the most important."

Thomas Foley took over the furnaces and forges from his father, developing the business down the Stour to the Severn and on to Bristol.

Business was flourishing and Thomas moved to near Stourport, where he removed a village to create Witley Court stately home.

Witley Court is now owned by English Heritage and is just a shell after suffering from a fire in 1937.

"Thomas went on to become the Lord of Kidderminster and headed

south to become the London agent for the business," says Roy.

"In 1667, Thomas Foley built a school in Stourbridge - Old Swinford Hospital - and it is the first item mentioned in his will."

"In 1679, Paul Foley became Speaker of the House of Commons."

By the time the fifth and sixth generation of the Foleys came along the iron industry was going into decline, so they became landed nobility.

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Roy says: "Twelve Foleys are buried at St Mary's Church in a vault under the memorial stone of Richard Foley."



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Bosses' plea on fast food outlets

HEALTH bosses in the Black Country have issued a plea for council chiefs to restrict the number of takeaways after figures showed the region is among the worst in the country for childhood obesity.

The director of public health in Sandwell made the call at a board meeting of the borough's primary care trust.

Dr John Middleton told board members: "The levels of obesity in Sandwell will be of long-term detriment. We can use planning laws to restrict the numbers of fast food takeaways."

Latest

Latest figures show one in four children in Year 6, aged 10/11, in Sandwell is obese, ranking the borough the worst in the West Midlands and 149th out of 152 authorities in England. More than one in 10 children in reception classes, aged 4/5, are also obese, ranking Sandwell 145th out of 152 in England.

Sandwell PCT board member Janette Rawlinson said: "Obesity among primary school age children is of real concern. It seems to be getting worse."

Dr Middleton's call came after Sandwell PCT's public health chief Paul Southon said the body was working with small takeaway businesses to make their food healthier. There are more than 600 takeaway outlets in Sandwell.



Janet Owen and Helen Lanchbury with, back, Margaret Hughes, of Kidderminster, Betty Smith of Wollaston, Isobel Peck of Penn, and Josie Smith, from Wollaston, celebrate the reopening

Cheers to £2.5k revamp

A CHARITY shop in Stourbridge has been given a makeover to help bring in new customers.

The Compton Hospice shop in Wollaston has received a £2,500 facelift including the creation of a new display counter.

The interior of the store in Bridge-north Road has been redecorated and the display units reorganised. The outside of the shop has been painted and new main window fitted. Workers completed the project over two days beginning on Monday of last week.

The shop plays a major fundraising

role for the hospice in Dudley borough. Since it opened nine years ago it has raised more than £350,000 in profit for the charity.

Assistant general manager of the hospice trading company Mary Davies said: "This is the first time we've refurbished the Wollaston shop since it was opened."

"We're hoping this spring clean refurbishment will attract even more people to use the shop and help us to carry on providing much needed care for patients across Dudley."

Reunion appeal by centre

A CALL has gone out to old boys and girls who stayed at one of Sandwell's residential centres between 1958 and 1980 to take part in a reunion next month.

The Plas Gwynant Adventure School opened at the foothills of Mount Snowdon in North Wales in 1958 and was bought by the then West Bromwich Council.

Since then tens of thousands of Sandwell pupils have been to the centre which offers a range of fully-supervised outdoor activities.

A reunion weekend for former visitors is now being planned for June 10-12.

Centre spokeswoman Debbie Hughes said: "Schools in Sandwell have come and gone, but Plas Gwynant is still here, giving Sandwell students a taste of learning through outdoor activities and memories that will remain with them long after they return home."

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Postman who dumped mail spared jail term

Morris Men set for Maypole fun

BELLS, handkerchiefs and sticks are the order of the day when a morris dancing troupe entertains crowds in Sedgley this Saturday.

The 1st Sedgley Morris Men are due to perform at their annual Maypole Event in the gardens next to Co-op on High Holborn Road. Preceding the Morris Men at 11am will be youngsters from Dudley primary schools Cotwall End, Alder Coppice and St Chad's, each performing a morris or country dance.

Following the demonstrations everyone is invited to 1st Sedgley Scout Group's Jubilee Hall, on Ladies Walk, where their annual May Fair takes place.

A barbeque, bouncy castle and stalls will keep visitors entertained until 2pm.

Around 20 Cotwall End pupils have been practising their routines in advance of the demonstration for the past few weeks.

Teacher Annette Mitchell said: "They're all really keen and excited."



Looking forward to a Maypole Festival and May Fair in Sedgley this Saturday is 1st Sedgley Morris Men member Jack Cotterill, with children from Cotwall End, Alder Coppice and St Chad's primary schools

A POSTMAN who dumped thousands of letters near Dudley Zoo and kept a haul of more than 4,000 mail items at his home has avoided an immediate term in prison.

David Spiers was instead handed a six-month sentence, suspended for two years, at Walsall Magistrates' Court.

The 31-year-old was employed by Royal Mail for more than two years at the delivery office in Walsall.

But instead of carrying out his rounds properly, he dumped 6,385 letters and catalogues near the zoo and kept another 4,654 items at his home.

An investigation was launched after a member of the public reported seeing mail dumped off Tipton Road, some of which dated back to February 2010.

An investigator found that Spiers was responsible for delivering them.

Mr John Dove, prosecuting on behalf of Royal Mail, said when Spiers was approached on February 1 this year he admitted having more undelivered mail at his home, and was suspended.

He said Spiers told the investigator he had too much mail to deliver and would take it home at the end of his shift, rather than tell his boss, because he thought he would get into trouble.

In mitigation, Mr Julian Derry said there had only been 101 items of addressed mail, with the rest being junk mail.

Unpaid

He said: "He realises it was a stupid thing to do. He should have told his supervisor. He panicked and is extremely sorry."

Spiers, of Park Moor Gardens, in Dudley, admitted two counts of intentionally delaying the delivery of postal packets between February 27, 2010 and February 1, 2011, and from May 15, 2010 to December 7, 2010.

He was also ordered to carry out 200 hours of unpaid work and to pay £2,360 costs when he appeared before the court last week.



David Spiers

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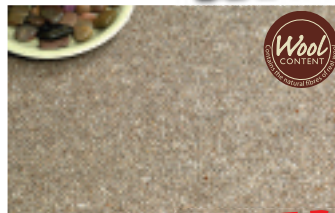
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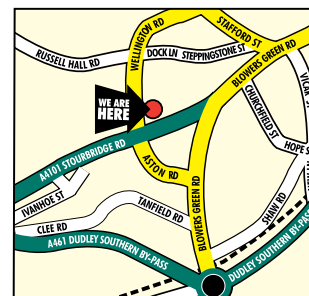
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Part of the garden at Oakleigh Lodge Care Home and, right, its front

Boss wants community to be proud of home

By Michael Trott

A UNIQUE home for adults who suffer from learning disabilities and mental healthcare problems has opened in Dudley.

Oakleigh Lodge, Stourbridge Road, is a residential home which helps people between the ages of 18 and 65, who have conditions such as bipolar disorder and types of autism, including Asperger's syndrome.

After its open day last month, Richard Dean, the man behind the home, said "This project was one that was particularly close to my heart."

"My Mother-in-law has needed care for some years, however, when me and my wife Karen were looking at facilities, we found ourselves never fully satisfied with the level of care and always thinking that we could do better."

Sensory

"In the end I decided to create a home with the more original approach and one that the community could be proud of."

Among the services are an aroma-therapist, who offers massages for the residents, and a sensory room for stress relief. It contains several interactive activities including bubble tubes, shapes and patterns as well as mood lighting with sound sensitivity and relaxed seating for residents.

Mr Dean added: "Our home is ideally situated with the Merry Hill Shopping Centre approximately a mile away, which can provide a great day out with all its facilities."

"We have Russell's Hall Hospital just



Oakleigh Lodge owner Richard Dean with manager Sue Jenkins and back, from left: student, Laura Hipkiss and staff members, Lynn Pritchard and Jackie Yates

down the road, which is comforting for family members and our expert staff members are always on hand to help out."

The home is managed by Susan Jenkins, who received the Care to Make a Difference Award last year.

She was nominated through her work, to encourage people of all different ages and experience into building an interest in becoming a carer.

Mrs Jenkins said "The award is run by the Black Country Partnership Board

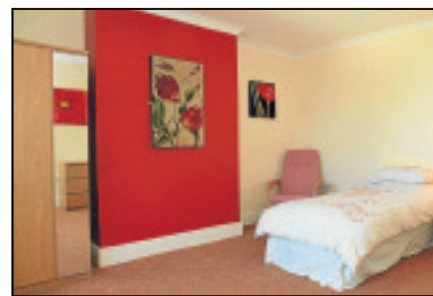
which involved many different companies spending their time to set up training sessions for people who wanted to get involved."

"I have over 20 years of experience of being a carer and several qualifications, including Level 4 in Care and Level 3 in Learning Disabilities and I believe training is essential in this career."

Mr Dean said he, Susan and the team were looking forward to providing the best care that they can for the local community.



The sensory room to help with stress relief



One of the bedrooms at Oakleigh Lodge Care Home

Food waste plan delayed

FOOD waste buckets will be introduced to 128,000 households in Sandwell from September – two months later than planned.

A "food recycling service" was due to start in July but Serco, which is responsible for waste collections, has decided to put back the date – fearing people on holiday will miss out on delivery of their bins.

Householders will have to sort rubbish four ways. They are: garden waste, dry recycling, food waste and rubbish.

Two buckets will be given to each home, a five litre container for the kitchen where food scraps and peelings will be collected and a 25-litre bin for the garden, which the kitchen buckets will be emptied into.

Sofia Constantinou, spokeswoman for Serco, said: "The scheme will be rolled out across Sandwell from September to December."

"We thought this would be a better time as fewer people would be away on holiday."

Natgrass will not be standing

A MEMBER of the European Parliament representing the West Midlands is to stand down at the next election.

United Kingdom Independence Party's Mike Natgrass will not seek re-election in 2014.

The Birmingham-based chartered surveyor said he would be 68 by then and he wanted to retire.

The father-of-three said: "I don't want to go on forever and there's a lot of energy involved in going to and from Brussels and Strasbourg."

Undercover cabbie sting

A TAXI driver who picked up passengers when he was not licensed to do so has been ordered to pay £585.

Rashid Bashir was caught waiting in Etymore Road, Sedgley, by two officers carrying out an undercover operation for Dudley Council.

Dudley Magistrates Court heard that Bashir, aged 34, of Halesowen Road, Oldbury, picked up the officers and took them to Cafe Casita, Upper Gornal.

An inspection revealed he was only licensed to collect bookings. Mr Tim

Holder, prosecuting on behalf of the council, said Bashir did not not have third party insurance.

Bashir said: "I was sent to pick someone up but there were about 10 people there and I presumed these people had ordered the taxi."

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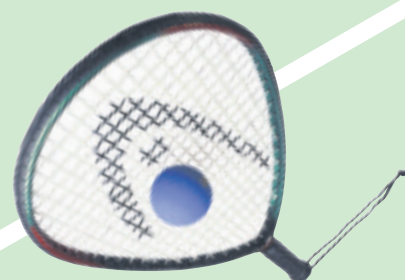
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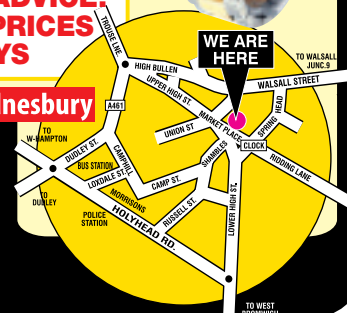
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Finger on the folk-pop button

Black Country singer Rachel Button has just released her debut EP and is preparing for her first major Midlands gig. She tells **TIM SPIERS** about how much she is looking forward to returning to her roots

BEING compared favourably with Norah Jones is high praise indeed but for Oldbury-born singer Rachel Button those sorts of accolades could soon become the norm.

Rachel has come a long way since playing violin in Sandwell Youth Orchestra and is now preparing for his first major Midlands gig, at Birmingham's Glee Club next month.

The concert coincides with the release of her debut EP *With Love*, and is something of a homecoming for the 26-year-old.

She moved to London seven years ago to pursue her dream of a successful career and is now living the life of a musician.

In between gigs in and around London, Rachel is a vocal tutor at The Academy of Music and Sound in Birmingham, as well as



Oldbury folk-pop singer Rachel Button – at the Glee Club in Birmingham on June 10

finding time to write and produce songs. "It's an unstable lifestyle," she admits, "but I like it like that. It keeps me on my toes."

A former pupil at Perryfields High School, Rachel has always loved to sing and after performing at churches and youth groups decided music was the career for her.

After convincing her supportive parents that it was the right thing to do, she went to London to earn a degree in Popular Music Performance, picking up a First before completing Masters in the same subject.

Several gigs in the capital followed including a support slot with Ocean Colour Scene

members Simon Fowler and Oscar Harrison, as well as a recording opportunity with Ministry of Sound.

Now Rachel, aged 26, is hoping her first EP will be the first of many more releases.

"It's so exciting for me at the moment and I'm really looking forward to the next few months," she said.

"I'd describe my style as folk-pop and I've been likened to Eva Cassidy, Norah Jones and Joni Mitchell.

"Songwriting comes quite naturally and I always carry a notebook for those moments of inspiration."

Her Glee Club gig is the first she's done near her home town and with family and friends set to turn out in big numbers, Rachel is looking forward to showing her original material off.

"I really wanted to come home and put on a show," she added.

"I've had loads of old friends get in touch with me through Facebook as well which is nice."

"It's hard in the music industry but I've got a lot of drive to pick myself up after any knock-backs."

"Hopefully I can get signed to a record deal soon and then go on tour and sell lots of CDs!"

Rachel Button is at the Glee Club on June 10. Tickets are £6 in advance and doors open at 8pm.

Fleeting Civic appearance for harmonious rock band

SEATTLE roots rockers Fleet Foxes bring their harmonious sound to Wolverhampton Civic Hall on June 23 but making their newly released second album, *Helplessness Blues*, was a far from harmonious experience.

Recording got off to a good start laying down rhythm tracks with good vibes abounding at Dreamland recording studio in Woodstock, near

the site of the legendary hippy musical festival in upstate New York. But the recording process almost ground to a halt during a difficult seven month stretch back in their home city.

"A ton of s**t happened at numerous studios," explains the American band's singer and songwriter Robin Pecknold. "Basically it took a long time due to illness, scheduling, cre-

ative doubt, reassessment, rewriting, new songs being written."

"We ended up mixing at Avast in Seattle in December of 2010 with the record finally finished, even though we were recording vocals and guitar and rewriting lyrics up to the 11th hour. Not even the 11th hour, more like the 13th. So here we are, almost three years after the first album, finally done with the second one."

It is a relief then to find that Helplessness Blues is a worthy follow up to their self-titled debut album, which is fast approaching classic status for the band who, in the USA, are signed to Nirvana's old record label Sub Pop.

But there is no hint of grunge in the works of the Fleet Foxes, a burst of

free jazz on one track of the new album is the only major detour from their pristine folk-rock sound.

"I'd say it's a synthesis of folk rock, traditional folk and psychedelic pop with an emphasis on group vocal harmonies," adds Pecknold.

"Musically it leans on country music a little bit more, in the slide guitar of songs like Grown Ocean and Bedouin Dress or Helplessness Blues. We used a number of new instruments including the 12-string guitar, the hammered dulcimer, zither, upright bass, wood flute, tympani, Moog synthesizer, the tamboura, the fiddle, the marophone, clarinet, the music box, pedal steel guitar, lap steel guitar, Tibetan singing bowls, vibraphone... along

with more traditional instrumentation."

Given that list, the kitchen sink must be a likely addition for the next album. Tickets for the Wolverhampton gig are £21.50, available on 0879 320 7000 or at www.wolvescivic.co.uk

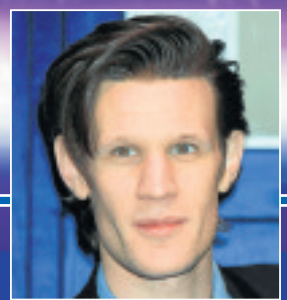
Support will come from psychedelic popsters The Bees, from the Isle of Wight.

Paul Weller fans may have seen them supporting the Modfather in Birmingham in November. The Bees are still best known for their funky 60s-style dance track Chicken Payback, Wash in the Rain and their hit cover of Os Mutantes' A Minha Meina. Fourth album, *Every Step's A Yes*, was released last October.



Hear the Seattle sound of rockers the Fleet Foxes at the Civic Hall on June 23

Support for the Fleet Foxes at the Civic Hall will come from psychedelic Isle of Wight based band The Bees



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Don't be blue – join brothers in arms for the sounds of soul

GET ready for some rollicking rhythm and blues when The 'All New' Original Tribute to The Blues Brothers arrives in Wolverhampton on Monday (May 23)

The sounds of Chicago will be heard at the Grand through to Saturday (28) when Jake and Elwood return in their blue serge suits and pork pie hats for evenings of unadulterated R&B, based on the

classic John Landis movie from 1980 (minus the car chases).

So, if you fancy wearing sunglasses after dark and shaking a tail feather, join the Blues Bros and their Bluettes for some stirring soul. The breathtaking agility and feats of strength of The Shaolin Warriors will amaze audiences at the Grand this Sunday night (May 22), when the orange-robed kung fu experts show their considerable skills.

A classic drama about decency versus

Enjoy some sultry and sexy moves as Strictly Come Dancing's Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace turn up the heat in Midnight Tango at the Birmingham Hippodrome from next Monday (May 28)



Jake and Elwood in the All New Tribute to the Blues Brothers

bigotry, Christopher Sergel's adaptation of Harper Lee's To Kill A Mockingbird, ends its run at the Grand on Saturday (May 21). Emmerdale actor and sometime Victoria Wood collaborator Duncan Preston plays small town Deep South lawyer Atticus Finch.

'Strictly' dancers Vincent Simone and Flavia Cacace turn up the heat in Midnight Tango, a sultry and sexy dance spectacular at Birmingham Hippodrome from Monday (23) to Saturday (28). Meanwhile, naughty New York musical with puppets Avenue Q ends its Hippodrome run this Saturday (21).

Gothic

Derren Brown's mind-bending Svengali show continues at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre to Saturday (21).

Tomorrow night (Friday) singer and one of the Loose Women, Jane McDonald, is in concert at the Symphony Hall, Birmingham.

Marti Pellow stars as Jekyll & Hyde in the gothic horror musical at Stoke's Regent Theatre from Monday to Saturday (23 to 28). There's more musical gothic horror at The

Crescent in Birmingham when the theatre's company present Sweeney Todd, Stephen Sondheim's musical thriller about the Demon Barber of Fleet Street, from May 18 to June 4. Broadway musical about a sex-change German rock star, Hedwig and the Angry Inch, is currently being staged at The Crescent.

Clare Summerskill takes a comic look at life as a lesbian at Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre tomorrow night (Friday). Krazy Kat present A Victorian Mikado using masks and puppets in a family production at The Arena on Monday at 10.30am and 1.30pm.

Comedy highlights include: Irish comic Ed Byrne with Karl Spain at Wolverhampton Civic Hall tomorrow (Friday); Stephen K Amos at the New Alex on Wednesday, May 25; Carl Donnelly is top of the bill at The Glee Club in Birmingham on Friday and Saturday (27/28); the fast and furious Imran Yusuf at The Glee on Wednesday and at The Slade Rooms in Wolverhampton next Thursday, May 26

The Royal Shakespeare Company's repertoire at Stratford now includes The Merchant of Venice with Patrick Stewart as Shylock.

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DOCTOR WHO

BBC 1, 6.45pm

Part one of two. A solar tsunami causes the Tardis to land at a futuristic factory on Earth, where humans are making use of a mysterious pool to create drone-like doppelgangers of themselves. The clones are directed by their masters to mine dangerous acids, but when a second wave hits, they begin to develop ideas of their own. Guest starring Marshall Lancaster (Ashes of Ashes), Sarah Smart (At Home with the Braithwaites) and Raquel Cassidy (Lead Balloon), alongside Matt Smith, Karen Gillan and Arthur Darvill.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Football Focus. **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.10** Formula 1: The Spanish Grand Prix - Qualifying. Coverage from the Circuit de Catalunya in Barcelona (Start-time 100pm). **2.15** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Wakefield Trinity Wildcats v Castleford Tigers (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.35** Don't Scare the Hare. **5.10** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.35** So You Think You Can Dance Live.

6.45 Doctor Who. Part one of two. The Doctor visits a futuristic factory.

7.30 So You Think You Can Dance. The dancers with the lowest votes perform again.

7.55 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Game show in which strangers pair up to win money.

8.45 Casualty. An administrative error throws the ED into turmoil and puts a boy's life in danger, while Mads encounters an aggressive taxi driver.

9.35 John Bishop's Britain. Comedy, with guest James Corden. (R)

10.05 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update. **10.25** FILM: Deja Vu. (2006) Sci-fi thriller, starring Denzel Washington, Paula Patton, Val Kilmer and Jim Caviezel.

12.20 Film: Judgment Night. (1993) Thriller, starring Emilio Estevez and Cuba Gooding Jr; Weatherview. **2.10** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** Film: It Happened One Night. (1934) Oscar-winning romantic comedy, with Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert. **1.40** Diagnosis Murder. (R) **2.25** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.25** Two Greedy Italians. (R) **4.25** Film: The Heroes of Telemark. (1965) Second World War thriller, starring Kirk Douglas and Richard Harris.

6.30 Flog It! Paul Martin and the experts examine a selection of antiques in Durham. (R)

7.30 Dad's Army. Mainwaring guards some PoWs. (R)

8.00 Operation Mincemeat. How Britain deceived Hitler into thinking the Allies were planning to invade Greece in 1943, allowing them to land in Sicily - their real target - with minimal resistance. (R)

9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. Satirical current affairs quiz. (R)

9.45 Our 'Nry: A Tribute to Sir Henry Cooper. A profile of the late boxer, who claimed the British, Commonwealth and European heavyweight titles during his illustrious career.

10.30 FILM: Cinderella Man. (2005) Fact-based drama, with Russell Crowe, Renée Zellweger and Paul Giamatti.

12.45 Later with Jools Holland. (R) **1.50** Film: The Set-Up. (1949) Boxing drama, starring Robert Ryan. **3.00** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** House Gift. (R) **9.25** Coronation Street. **11.45** This Morning: Saturday. **12.40** ITV News; Weather. **12.45** You've Been Framed! (R) **1.15** Film: Carry On Screaming. (1966) Comedy horror, starring Kenneth Williams. **3.05** Film: Moonraker. (1979) James Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore. **5.25** Regional Programmes. **5.35** ITV News; Weather. **5.50** New People Do the Funniest Things.

6.45 Sing If You Can. The final of the singing competition. Last in the series.

8.00 Britain's Got Talent. The penultimate round of auditions, as more acts try to impress judges Michael McIntyre, Amanda Holden and David Hasselhoff. Ant and Dec host.

9.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Des O'Connor. The entertainer discusses his stage and TV career, talks about becoming a father at the age of 72 and reveals how gambling cost him his family home. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News; Weather. **10.15** FILM: Tightrope. (1984) Thriller, starring Clint Eastwood, Genevieve Bujold and Dan Hedaya.

12.25 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.30** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.20** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** British Formula 3 International Series. **7.25** The Grid. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.50** T4: Friends. (R) **9.20** T4: Koko Pop. **9.50** T4: Friends. (R) **10.30** T4: Gaga's Monsters. **11.20** T4: Glee. **12.20** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.20** That Paralympic Show. **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **4.30** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **5.00** Come Dine with Me Down Under. **5.30** Come Dine with Me Down Under.

6.00 Come Dine with Me Down Under. Mark Alexander tries to pass shop-bought food off as his own.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv. **7.00** The Restoration Man. Converting a disused Victorian church in Wales. (R)

8.00 River Cottage Heroes. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall holds a celebratory dinner. (R)

9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live. Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall.

10.20 FILM: Far from Heaven. (2002) Period drama, starring Julianne Moore, Dennis Quaid and Patricia Clarkson.

12.30 Film: Swimfan. (2002) Thriller, starring Jesse Bradford. **1.55** Friday Night In. (R) **2.05** King Pylon. (R) **2.10** The Wrong Turn. (R) **2.15** The Dead Zone. (R) **2.55** Hill Street Blues. (R) **3.45** Ugly Betty. (R) **4.30** Wild Thing I Love You. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Meals in Moments. (R) **10.10** Family Foot Fight. (R) **10.40** The Gadget Show. (R) **11.40** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green - At the Ends of the Earth. (R) **12.40** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) **1.40** Film: A Lawless Street. (1955) Western, with Randolph Scott. **3.15** Film: Gunsmoke. (1959) Western, starring Audie Murphy. **4.50** Film: The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen. (2003) Comic-book fantasy adventure, with Sean Connery.

6.45 5 News Weekend.

6.50 NCIS. A murder is shown live online. (R)

7.40 CSI: Grissom's Greatest. Warrick tries to solve the murder of a gang member. (R)

8.35 CSI: Miami. A bungled SWAT raid on a residence results in the death of an innocent man, and separate chains of evidence lead Horatio to a pair of equally viable suspects. (R)

9.35 CSI: NY. Mac reconnects with his first partner.

10.35 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Jim Brass searches for his daughter's missing friend. (R)

11.35 Forensic Files. (R)

12.05 SuperCasino. **4.00** Rough Guide to Eco Escapes. (R) **4.10** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.35** HouseBusters. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
2.45 American Idol 5.15 Film: Bean (1997) **7.00** Fiddles, Cheats & Scams **8.00** Homes from Hell **9.00** Britain's Got More Talent **10.00** Celebrity Juice **10.45** Film: Waterworld (1995)

ITV3
3.35 Agatha Christie's Poirot **5.50** Inspector Morse **7.55** Rosemary & Thyme **9.00** Foyle's War. A murder mars the victory celebration preparations. Last in the series. **11.00** Rebus

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kings XI Punjab v Deccan Chargers and Delhi DareDevils v Pune Warriors. **8.00** British Superbike Championship. Highlights. **9.00** Police, Camera, Action! **10.00** Live Cycling. The seventh stage of the Tour of California.

BBC THREE
7.00 Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes **7.30** Doctor Who Confidential **8.15** Top Gear **9.00** Film: Lara Croft: Tomb Raider (2001) **10.35** Russell Howard Live: Dingledodles **11.35** Family Guy

BBC FOUR
7.00 The Secret Life of Elephants **8.00** Latin Music USA **9.00** Wallander **10.30** Julia Bradbury's Canal Walks **11.00** Arena: No Direction Home - Bob Dylan

E4
1.25 Hollyoaks **4.00** Made in Chelsea **5.00** Friends **6.00** Glee **7.00** The Big Bang Theory **8.00** How I Met Your Mother **9.00** Friends **10.00** Film: Assault on Precinct 13 (2005)

FILM4
3.15 Porridge (1979) **5.05** Catch That Kid (2004) **6.50** Attack the Block Special **6.55** The Italian Job (2003) **9.00** Alfie (1966) A cockney lothario leads a carefree life of casual sex with as many women as possible, until real life starts to intrude. Comedy drama, starring Michael Caine. **11.15** The Loved Ones (2009)

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BBC2, 9.00pm

Part one of two. Louis Theroux examines life in Miami County Jail, where most of the inmates are awaiting trial. He begins by exploring the large cage-like dwellings on the fifth and sixth floor, which are home to many of the most volatile prisoners. The inmates' lives are governed by a gladiatorial code, leading to fights for food and status - a situation the guards say they are powerless to address. The concluding part will be shown on Sunday May 29.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** The Politics Show; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.10** Formula 1: The Spanish Grand Prix Live. The fifth round of the season from Barcelona (Start-time 1.00pm). **3.15** Life of Riley. (R) **3.45** Bargain Hunt. **4.15** Points of View. **4.30** Songs of Praise. **5.05** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** Final Score. Round-up of football results.

6.15 RHS Chelsea Flower Show 2011. New series. A preview of the annual horticultural show.

7.00 Countryfile. Efforts to protect native bluebells in Goodwood, West Sussex.

8.00 British Academy Television Awards. Graham Norton hosts the annual awards ceremony at Grosvenor House Hotel in London, with shows including Downton Abbey, Sherlock, Misfits and The X Factor up for recognition.

10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

10.25 Match of the Day. Highlights of the final day of the Premier League.

11.55 FILM: Taffin. (1988) Action thriller, starring Pierce Brosnan, Alison Doody and Ray McAnally; Weatherview.

1.35 Sign Zone: The Apprentice. (R) **2.35** Holby City. (R) **3.35** MasterChef: The Final Three. (R) **4.35** BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **11.30** Great British Menu. (R) **12.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **12.45** Priceless Antiques Roadshow. (R) **1.15** EastEnders. **3.10** Live Challenge Cup Rugby League. Bradford Bulls v Wigan Warriors (Kick-off 3.30pm). **5.30** Obama News Special.

6.00 Coast. How William the Conqueror taught the English to build castles.

6.10 Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections. Innovations allowing tankers to carry natural gas without risk of explosion.

7.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson tests the Renaultsport Twingo 133 in Belfast, Richard Hammond tries his hand at airport vehicle racing, and Guy Ritchie is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car. (R)

8.00 Britain's Secret Seas. Marine life and mysterious wrecks found in the seas surrounding Britain.

9.00 Louis Theroux: Miami Mega Jail. Part one of two. Louis Theroux examines life in Miami County Jail.

10.00 FILM: Zodiac. (2007) Premiere. Fact-based crime thriller, starring Jake Gyllenhaal.

12.30 The Shadow Line. (R) **1.30** French Open Tennis. **2.30** BBC News. **4.35** Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **8.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **9.25** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **10.25** Sing If You Can. (R) **11.40** This Morning: Sunday. **12.40** Dinner Date. (R) **1.35** ITV News; Weather. **1.50** Film: Columbo: Suitable for Framing. (1971) Detective drama, with Peter Falk. **3.20** Britain's Got Talent: Part III. (1990) Sci-fi comedy sequel, with Michael J Fox and Christopher Lloyd

6.30 Regional Programmes. **6.45** ITV News; Weather.

7.00 The Cube. The show's tallest-ever contestant takes up the challenge. Last in the series.

8.00 Vera. DCI Vera Stanhope finds a kindred spirit in the son of a murdered woman and comes to realise the key to the case is hidden deep in his memory. Last in the series.

10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather.

10.15 The Life and Loss of Karen Woo. Paddy Smith visits Afghanistan to retrace the steps of his fiancée Karen Woo, a doctor who was murdered in August 2010 while on a medical aid mission in the war-torn country.

11.30 Florida - Paradise Lost. (R)

12.25 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **3.00** Motorsport UK. **3.45** ITV News. **5.30** Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.25** Freesports on 4. **7.55** T4: Friends. (R) **8.20** T4: Friends. (R) **8.45** T4: Hollyoaks. **11.20** T4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. (R) **11.55** T4: Glee. (R) **12.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **2.25** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **2.55** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **3.30** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **4.00** Jamie's 30 Minute Meals. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** Time Team. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv. A man recovering from brain surgery reflects on the healing power of humour.

7.00 Come Dine with Me. Four amateur chefs from Newcastle compete.

8.00 The Hotel. A local psychic hires a function room.

9.00 FILM: Orphan. (2009) Premiere. A couple adopt a nine-year-old Russian girl, but the wife begins to suspect the child may be dangerously disturbed. Horror, starring Vera Farmiga.

11.20 FILM: Vinyan. (2008) Premiere. Horror, with Emmanuelle Beart.

1.10 My New Brain. (R) **2.10** 24 Hours in A&E. (R) **3.05** Civilization: Is the West History? (R) **4.00** Wild Thing I Love You. (R) **4.55** Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) **5.20** Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerlots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.40** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **6.50** The Beeps. (R) **7.00** Miao Mao. (R) **7.10** Chiro. (R) **7.15** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **7.30** Noddy in Toyland. (R) **7.40** Hana's Helpline. (R) **7.50** Milkshake! Music Box. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Olivia. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.30** Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) **10.00** Zoo Days. (R) **10.20** McFly on the Wall. **10.50** The Hotel Inspector. (R) **11.50** Emergency Bikers. (R) **12.50** Film: Wyoming Renegades. (1954) **2.15** Film: Ride to Hangman's Tree. (1967) **4.00** Film: Last of the Dogmen. (1995)

6.10 5 News Weekend.

6.15 FILM: Fun with Dick and Jane. (2005) Crime comedy remake, starring Jim Carrey and Tea Leoni.

8.00 FILM: Miss Congeniality. (2000) Comedy, starring Sandra Bullock.

10.15 FILM: Proof of Life. (2000) Action drama, starring Russell Crowe and Meg Ryan.

12.50 Rough Guide to Activity Holidays. (R) **1.10** SuperCasino. **4.00** Rough Guide to Weekend Breaks. (R) **4.10** Divine Designs. (R) **4.35** House Doctor. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
4.00 The British Soap Awards 2011 **6.00** Britain's Got Talent **7.00** Animals Do the Funniest Things **8.00** Kerry Katona **9.00** Peter Andre **10.00** Film: Baby Mama (2008)

ITV3

2.10 Film: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) **4.10** Inspector Morse **6.15** Mr Bean **6.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **8.00** The Best of the Royal Variety **9.00** Film: Tin Cup (1996) **11.45** Film: Inside I'm Dancing (2004)

ITV4

11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Royal Challengers Bangalore v Chennai Super Kings and Kolkata Knight Riders v Mumbai Indians. **8.00** Minder **9.00** Police, Camera, Action! **9.30** Live Cycling. The final stage of the Tour of California.

BBC THREE

7.00 Formula 1: The Spanish Grand Prix Highlights **8.00** Doctor Who **8.45** Doctor Who Confidential **9.00** Little Britain **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps

BBC FOUR

7.00 A History of Christianity **8.00** The Secret Life of the National Grid **9.00** Enid **10.25** Bookmark **11.05** Tangled Up with Dylan: The Ballad of AJ Weberman

E4

3.00 Jo Frost: Extreme Parental Guidance **4.00** Film: Nine Months (1995) **6.00** Friends **7.00** 90210 **8.00** Friends **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Being Erica **11.55** The Big Bang Theory

FILM4

3.05 Girls! Girls! Girls! (1962) **5.00** Attack the Block Special **5.10** The Duellists (1977) **7.10** The Italian Job (1969) **9.00** Alfie (2004) **11.05** Candy (2006)

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BBC 6.00 Breakfast, 9.15 Fall Britain
7.00 Home Under the Hammer
BBC News; Weather, 11.00 Don't Get Gored,
Don't; (R) BBC News; Weather, 11.45 Bargain Hunt
12.12 Midday News; Weather, 1.00 The
BBC News; Weather, 1.31 Regional News;
BBC News, 1.45 Doctors, 2.15 Escape to the Country
3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News, 3.05
CBCS, 5.15 Weakest Link, 6.00 BBC News;
Weather, 7.00 The One Show; BBC News;
Regional News, 8.00 EastEnders, 8.30 A Question
of Sport, (R) 9.00 Have I Got News for You, 9.30
Newsnight, 10.00 The Graham Norton Show, 10.30
The Big Bang Theory, 11.00 The National Lottery Friday Night Draws
11.30 Film: The Rainmaker, (1997) 1.35 The One
Show; (F) Weathermap, 2.40 Sign Zone: Monty
Python's Flying Circus, 3.00 The Mavis Bramston
Shows, 3.15 Mums Know Best, (R), 4.40 BBC News

BBC2 6.00 Cbeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30
CBeebies. 11.35 Film: *The Racket*.
(1951) 1.00 Diagnosis Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or
Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Animal 24/7. (R) 3.00
Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 The Hair
Bikers' Food Tour. (R) 3.15 Cash in the
Country. (R) 4.00 The Big Giggle. (R) 4.30
British Menu. 7.00 Windstar. 9.30 8.00 RH5
Chelsea Flower Show 2011. 9.30 Paul Merton's
Birth of Hollywood. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 The
Book Review Show. 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 Golf: The PGA
Championship. 12.20 Later with Jools Holland
and the Radio 2 Band. 12.30 The Haunted
House of Horror. (R) 9.30 8.55 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak, 8.30 Lorraine, 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show, 10.30 This Morning, 12.30 Loose Women, 1.31 ITV News Weather, 2.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway, 2.30 Makeover. (R) 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal, 3.55 The Big Reveal, 4.00 The Big Reveal, 4.30 Regional Weather, 4.40 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Britain's Best Dish: The Final, 6.00 Regional News, 6.30 ITV News at Ten, 7.00 The Zone, 7.30 Coronation Street, 8.00 The Bill, 8.30 Coronation Street, 9.00 Paul O'Grady Live, 10.00 ITV News at Ten, Weather, 10.30 Regional News, Weather, 10.35 An Audience with Neil Diamond. (R) 11.35 The Cube. (R) 12.30 The Zone, 1.00 ITV News Headlines, 2.30 Film: The Boatman's Boy, 1987, 4.10 ITV Nightscreen, 5.30 The Morning News.

Channel 4 6.05 Sali Mali, (R) 6.10 The Hoobs, (R) 6.20 Freshly Squeezed, 7.30 Everybody Loves Raymond, 8.00 Frasier, (R) 8.55 Friends, (R) 9.25 Accidentally on Purpose, 9.55 Location, Location, Location, (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away, (R) 12.00 News Summary, 12.05 Harpers World Cup, 1.05 The Royal Treatment, 2.00 Film: The Hurricane (1951) 2.20 Second World War: Remember Richard Widmark, 3.10 Countdown, 4.00 Deal or No Deal, 5.00 Celebrity Five Go To 6.00 The Simpsons, (R) 6.30 Hollywood, 7.00 Channel 4 News, 8.30 The Big Bang Theory, 9.00 The Bill, 9.30 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away, 9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live, 10.25 That Peter Kay Thing, (R) 10.55 PhoneShop, 11.30 The Ricky Gervais Show, 12.00 Music on 4, Jessie J Live in London, 12.35 Mercury Music Prize, 1.25 The Big Bang Theory, 2.00 Spotlight: Lady Gaga Special, (R) 1.05 4Play, The Pierses, 1.20 Much Ado About a Minor Thing, 1.50 Dishi, (R) 2.00 Daddy, (R) 2.05 My Name Is Earl, (R) 2.55 The Dead Zone, (R) 3.35 Hill Street Blues, 4.05 Wild Thing I Love You, (R) 5.25 Countdown, (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake. 9.15 The
Wright Show. 11.05 Stansfeld
The Inside Story. 12.00 The Family Recipe. 12.10
5 News Lunchtime. 12.20 Law & Order. 1.15 Home
and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa
Show. 3.05 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 3.10
Film: Killer Flood: The Day the Dam Broke. (2003)
Thriller, starring Joe Landu. 5.00 5 News at 5
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6.25 OK! TV. 6.55 5 News at 7 7.00 Cricknet. 8.00
Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. 5 News at 9
9.00 The Mentalist. 10.00 Law & Order. 10.55 CSI:
Miami. (R) 11.50 Rough Guide to Adventures. 12.10
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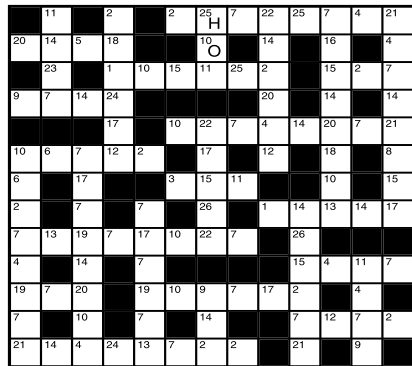
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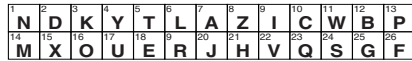
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Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Children take to the back street (4)
- A drop of water (8)
- Praise a nobleman, we hear (4)
- A game involving more of us (8)
- Getting into deep water? (7,5)
- One's double in figures (6)
- One of eight requires medical attention (6)
- He may have stacks of work to do! (7,5)
- Though he's not there, he's proverbially conspicuous! (8)
- A way to raise money from a chess set (4)
- All in the very one-sided event (8)
- No charge is made, so get release (4)

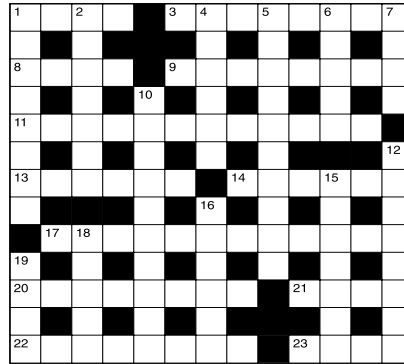
Quick Clues:

Across

- Blister (4)
- Incarcerate (8)
- Reproduce (4)
- Obviate (8)
- Flattery (12)
- Sinew (6)
- Improved (6)
- Cruelty (12)
- Plausibly deceptive (8)
- Skilled (4)
- Longer (8)
- Exploit (4)

Down

- No more to discuss? (4,4)
- He cares for others (7)
- Refrains from being so avid, perhaps (6)
- An entertaining job for a girl who likes to travel (3-7)
- Ornament held by an ambassador naturally (5)
- A growing source of fuel (4)
- What journalists earn? (5,5)
- Possibly press one for an answer (8)
- Begin with a tune outside (4,3)
- A fellow takes me in and gets lower (6)
- Hates having to change in a hurry (5)
- One gets right in front - to win it! (4)



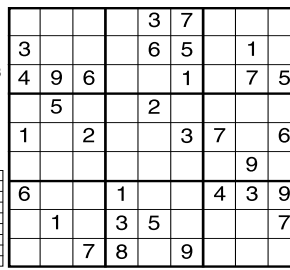
LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:

CRYPTIC: Across: 1 Appropriate; 9 Unravel; 10 Lynch; 11 Talon; 12 Sprouts; 13 On view; 15 Warsaw; 18 Enchant; 20 Alibi; 22 Rains; 23 Compere; 24 Tennis balls. Down: 2 Peril; 3 Revenue; 4 Polish; 5 Idler; 6 Tongues; 7 Auctioneers; 8 Ghost writer; 14 Vaccine; 16 Anaemia; 17 Stocks; 19 Arson; 21 Ideal. QUICK: Across: 1 Grease-paint; 9 Isolate; 10 Throw; 11 Fated; 12 Garbage; 13 Lament; 15 Asleep; 18 Omnibus; 20 Trout; 22 Extra; 23 Adamant; 24 As You Like It. Down: 2 Roast; 3 Abandon; 4 Energy; 5 Alter; 6 Narrate; 7 Eiffel Tower; 8 Sweet Potato; 14 Minutes; 16 Set-back; 17 Assault; 19 Beano; 21 Okapi.

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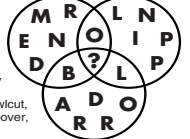
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION: The letter represented by the question mark is B. Bowlcut, bouffant, combover, all hairstyles

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Black Country Communion's second album is out next month

Black Country misses out on Communion

HEAVY rock supergroup Black Country Communion, who made their UK concert debut last Christmas at Wolverhampton Civic Hall, release their second album next month.

The band fronted by Cannock-raised rock star Glenn Hughes was an instant success with its self-titled debut album, which draws on traditional hard rock values, released in September last year.

It stormed to No1 in the UK Rock Album Chart.

The group also features American blues-rock guitarist hero Joe Bonamassa, Dudley-born drummer Jason Bonham (son of

the late Led Zeppelin stickman John Bonham), and American keyboardist Derek Sherinian.

The new album, entitled 2, is released across Europe on June 13 by Mascot Records. Bonamassa also recently released his 12th album, called Dust Bowl.

Black Country Communion have a short UK tour in July but don't include any West Midlands dates, the nearest being Manchester Academy on July 30.

However, Glenn Hughes will be in concert at Birmingham Town Hall on Sunday, May 29, highlighting music from his solo career plus his back catalogue with Trapeze and Deep Purple.

Tickets cost £22 (plus booking fee) available on 0121 780 3333.

Reviews

The City Madam. Swan Theatre, Stratford

THE FEAR of financial ruin and loss of social status permeates Philip Massinger's 380-year-old romp, giving this savage comedy a sharp contemporary edge.

The Royal Shakespeare Company has gathered a formidably talented group of actors at the Swan (many of them also appearing in Gregory Doran's Cardenio) and they relish this ruthless and rollicking satire on a society riven by rivalry between the newly rich merchant class and the old aristocracy.

Massinger wrote for Shakespeare's former theatre company The King's Men. He was a scattergun satirist, who in this play also takes a pop at astrologers, brutal law enforcers and includes possibly the first dig at the Americans.

The convoluted plot centres on Luke Frugal, who has wasted his fortune and now works as a servant in his rich brother's household, where he is meanly treated by his sister-and-law and nieces.

Behind his reformed exterior, he plots with servants to defraud his brother.

Meanwhile, that brother, made weary by his haughty wife's financial excesses and suspicious of his brother's pious new image, pretends to retire to a monastery but returns with his daughters' two rejected suitors in disguise as American Indians (seeking a Christian education) to observe how Luke uses his new found power and fortune.

Dominic Hill's fast-paced, 17th Century costumed production hinges on the role of Luke, and Jo Stone-Fewings emerges from the RSC ranks with a performance of such charisma, energy and passion that it should take his career to a new level.

At first he wins the audience's sympathy but, with the phrase "religion, conscience, charity, farewell", wealth and opportunity turns him into a vengeful

Olly Murs. NIA Birmingham

OLLY Murs took Birmingham by storm at his sell-out show at the NIA this week.

He shot to fame after appearing on TV show The X Factor in 2009, and although he came second in the talent competition, he was certainly a winner in the crowd's eyes.

On stage he was supported by a nine-piece band as he performed hits from his self-titled debut album, including Thinking Of Me and Heart On My Sleeve, and cover tracks including Superstition by Stevie Wonder.

During the performance Olly proved every bit the showman by wowing the audience with his smooth dance moves.

He also showed gratitude to his fans by thanking them for voting for him on The X Factor, and ultimately helping him get where he is today.

The cheeky Essex lad paid particular attention to ladies in the audience, which was welcomed by the predominately female crowds, and even got one lucky lady on stage to dance with him.



Jo Stone-Fewings as Luke Frugal and Sara Crowe as Lady Frugal

silver-tongued devil before our very eyes in a production that also makes much use of magic tricks and illusion.

Lady Frugal (Sara Crowe) and her daughters (Lucy Briggs-Owen, Matti Houghton) are a monstrous flutter of fans and satin gowns, whilst Nicholas Day brings an engaging fruitfulness to the role of elderly aristocrat Lord Lacy.

The broadest comedy comes from the suitors, Alex Hassell as the screeching dandy Sir Maurice and Felix Hughes as his rough bluff northern rival Mr Plenty. Christopher Ettridge becomes an audience favourite as the sharp-tongued servant Holdfast. Pippa Nixon got a big laugh as the Cockney chav prostitute Shave'em, leaping through a Royal

wedding souvenir copy of Hello magazine to find the perfect new carriage.

A puppet show laid on by the 'Indians' seemed a superfluous addition to a three hour play (including interval) but was certainly ingenious.

Audiences may bridle at the play's neat moralistic conclusion, which has the womenfolk promising to be obedient and modest, whilst Luke Frugal is stripped to his underpants, spat upon and cast out in the snow.

But when it deals with greed and pretension, The City Madam is a period piece with plenty to say to a modern audience.

It continues until October 4.

Leon Burakowski

Picture by Elle Kurtz/RSC

An Evening with John Cleese. Birmingham Hippodrome

John Cleese has worked with some of the greatest comedy writers and actors ever, and gave the audience an insight into his long and successful career.

The star of Monty Python first explains the reason he has decided to go on the road again - his recent divorce from American psychotherapist Alyce Faye Eichelberger is costing him \$20 million over the next five years.

After briefly expressing extreme dissatisfaction with Californian law, the 71-year-old settles down to begin his show, starting with his family's roots. Anyone expecting the show to be a barrel of laughs may have been disappointed at this point.

However, once into full swing, Cleese packed the show full of clips from his early days on The Frost Report, to working with the Two Ronnies and eventually Monty Python. The evening may not be as hilarious as many people would expect, but it did provide a fascinating insight into the golden era for British comedy, where shows were about experimenting and not ratings.

The second half of the show touched on black comedy, as Cleese believed a dark sense of humour was the only thing he and his mother had in common.

A clip of the Black Knight scene from Monty Python and the Holy Grail was sandwiched between stories of the group pushing each other to be as funny as possible while being a bit naughty, too.

Cleese gave a touching speech about his good friend and fellow Python Graham Chapman, who died in 1989, before moving on to reveal the hotel in which he based Fawlty Towers on and the inception of his hit film A Fish Called Wanda.

Throughout the night, Cleese made it clear he felt he was lucky to be involved in comedy and a three-minute montage of some of his funniest bits closed off the night in a fitting style.

While the show may not be what people expect it is packed full of anecdotes, stories and sketches, which may not always be funny, but are a treat for comedy fans all the same.

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Guide: £240,000/£260,000 VIEWING: FRIDAY 20th & SATURDAY 21st MAY @ 9.30 am

43 WARSTONES ROAD, PENN

Individual Detached Bungalow close to shops. Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, White Bathroom, Carport, Gardens

Guide: £73,000/£78,000 VIEWING: FRIDAY 20th & SATURDAY 21st MAY @ 10.30 am

255 WARSTONES ROAD, PENN

Spacious Three Bed Semi in good location. Large Lounge, Kitchen, Utility, Bathroom, Garage and Off Road Parking, Rear Garden

Guide: £98,000/£105,000 VIEWING: FRIDAY 20th & SATURDAY 21st MAY @ 11.15 am

27 REDHILL AVENUE, WOMBOURNE

Spacious Three Bedroomed Semi within a pleasant residential cul-de-sac. Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Bathroom, Gas CH, WC & Store, Large Rear Garden and Deep Foregarden

Guide: £70,000/£75,000 VIEWING: FRIDAY 20th & SATURDAY 21st MAY @ 12.15 pm

RESIDENTIAL INVESTMENT - REGULATED TENANCY

28 GREAT BRIDGE ROAD, BILSTON

Three Bed Semi with Deep Foregarden. Hall Lounge, Kitchen, Shower Room.

Offered subject to tenancy - Registered Rent £57.00 per week

Guide: £39,000/£44,000 VIEWING: MONDAY 23rd MAY @ 3.45 pm

FREEHOLD COMMERCIAL INVESTMENTS

Nos. 2 & 3, CROSS STREET, WILLENHALL

Close to Centre - Two adjacent Shop Units with additional First Floor Rooms. Current Income - £11,020 p.a.x.

Guide: £80,000/£90,000 VIEWING: MONDAY 23rd MAY @ 2.30 pm

77B STAFFORD STREET, WILLENHALL

Self-contained double fronted Shop Premises - approx 310 sq ft with additional Store and WC. Vacant Possession.

Guide: £28,000/£33,000 VIEWING: THURSDAY 19th & FRIDAY 20th MAY @ 11.00 am

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TINACRE HILL, WIGHTWICK

Close to open countryside and within a prime residential district, a fine detached home with a magnificent south facing rear garden. Approached via an impressive entrance drive flanked by lawn and mature trees the spacious accommodation includes lovely reception hall, fitted cloakroom, large lounge, dining room, south facing conservatory, study, 19ft breakfast kitchen, laundry, wide galleried landing, main bedroom with an en-suite shower, three further bedrooms, bathroom, garaging for three cars plus ample further parking.

OFFERS AROUND £595,000



THE WOLD, CLAVERLEY

An impressive Family Home near the centre of this lovely village and within walking distance of the primary school. Hall, Cloakroom with shower, fine Lounge, Study area, superb Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility, Three generous Bedrooms, spacious Bathroom, Garage, delightful long rear Garden.

OFFERS AROUND £385,000



FINCHFIELD

Within a moment's walk of Bantock Park, an impressive detached on a prominent corner plot. Porch, hall, through lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, wc, garage, wide driveway, mature gardens - modernisation required.

SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED TO £250,000



FINCHFIELD LANE, MERRY HILL

A lovely Detached Home within an extremely popular residential district convenient for local shopping and schooling for all grades. Fully enclosed Porch, spacious Reception Hall, fitted Cloakroom, Through Lounge, Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, Utility, Ground Floor WC, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom, WC, through Garage, Attractive Rear Garden, approx. 160ft. in depth.

TO BE OFFERED FOR SALE BY AUCTION ON 7TH JUNE
Guide £240,000 / £260,000

VIEWING - Friday & Saturday 20th & 21st May @ 9.45am

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Crabourne Road

Positioned in this much admired location, close to all local facilities is this much improved, traditional style, gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation is seen to comprises: hall, lounge, dining room, modern kitchen, three first floor bedrooms, modern bathroom, garden to rear, off road parking to front, burglar alarm, must be seen. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £124,995

QUARRY BANK



Calewood Road

This well looked after, modern style three bedroomed semi detached property offers gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed accommodation with en-suite to the master bedroom and comprises: hall, kitchen, transverse lounge, three first floor bedrooms, bathroom, garden to rear, Crete print driveway, uPVC gutter and fascia, garage, must be seen. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £124,950

KINGSWINFORD



Open viewing Sat 21st May 12 - 4pm

78 Lingfield Way

A DECEPTIVE MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW which is superbly located within a very popular cul-de-sac setting upon Crestwood Park, which requires updating and has much potential to enhance the VERY SPACIOUS layout which includes: reception hall, large attractive lounge with dining area, kitchen, TWO EXCELLENT BEDROOMS and bathroom. The property is further enhanced by the front lawn, LONG FRONT/SIDE DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED REAR GARDEN which benefits a private aspect. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £124,950 - No Upward Chain

COSELEY



Clifton Street, Hurst Hill

VENDOR ADVISES NO UPWARD CHAIN. A comparatively SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional end terrace of character that has been conscientiously maintained & TREMENDOUSLY IMPROVED in recent years conveniently situated backing onto allotments at rear with distant views. Accommodation provides dining room with OPEN FIREPLACE, store, lounge with 'living flame' feature fireplace, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units, lobby, recently reappointed bathroom with stylish white suite. THREE BEDROOMS, neat sheltered rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £122,450

SEDGLEY



Arcal Street

An attractive, exceptionally well presented & tremendously improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional terrace of character within level walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring. Superb accommodation includes elegant dining room (with original overmantel), understairs store, sitting room (with living flame feature gas fireplace), lobby, refitted kitchen & further utility section beyond. Two double bedrooms, various storage cupboards, reappointed bathroom with stylish white suite. Delightful, lengthy, well tended rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £118,500

SEDGLEY



Arcal Street

VENDOR ADVISES £3,000 CASHBACK ON FULL ASKING PRICE. CONVENIENTLY SITUATED, Freehold, gas centrally heated & either secondary or sealed unit double glazed semi detached within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, and all associated amenities/schools etc. Accommodation includes; entrance porch, reception hall, transverse lounge/dining room, breakfast kitchen. Three well proportioned bedrooms (one with fitted wardrobes), bathroom, Garage, car port, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £122,250

COSELEY



Dimmocks Avenue

A traditional, freehold, gas centrally heated inter-war semi detached of character and providing significant potential. Conveniently situated within walking distance of bus/rail transport routes, shops, schools etc., the accommodation includes porch, reception hall, pantry, lounge with bay, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms (two with extensive range of fitted wardrobes), bathroom, garage, delightful secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £112,000

UPPER GORNAL



Cricket Meadow

A tremendously modernised & improved. Freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC DOUBLE GLAZED semi detached with 'PANORAMIC' DISTANT VIEWS in an established/convenient district. The superb accommodation includes; entrance hallway, through lounge with 'Living Flame' feature gas fire, dining room, and professionally refitted/enlarged kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect units, oven, hob, extractor & refrigerator. Two double bedrooms, bathroom. Externally there is a through passageway with store and utility room. Gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950

DUDLEY



Acacia Close

NO UPWARD CHAIN - A COMPETITIVELY PRICED, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed 'starter home' in a cul de sac convenient for so many amenities & facilities. Accommodation includes reception hall, cloaks cupboard, updated kitchen, understairs store, delightful lounge with uPVC double glazed patio doors out to garden. TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS, bathroom, lengthy front garden with block paved parking, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £102,550

RUSSELLS HALL



NEW PRICE

Ketley Hill Road

A DELIGHTFUL MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is very well located within the very popular Russells Hall development, offering a SPACIOUS and VERY WELL PRESENTED layout of accommodation which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, comprising: entrance porch, full width lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS and refitted bathroom. The property is set back beyond the attractively maintained front gardens and to the rear enjoying a very pleasant enclosed garden with store. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE: 01384 265265

Offers Around £99,950

KINGSWINFORD



NEW PRICE

87 Ragees Road

Enjoying FANTASTIC VIEWS to the rear towards Client Hills, this BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED GROUND FLOOR FLAT is superbly located within High Acres offering BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED and WELL APPOINTED accommodation which includes REPLACEMENT uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Entrance Hall, large Lounge with Dining Area, luxury refitted kitchen with built-in appliances, LARGE DOUBLE BEDROOM with views towards Client Hills, refitted Bathroom and Inner Hall. The property is further enhanced by DESIGNATED OFF-ROAD CAR PARKING and a GOOD SIZED WOODLAND STYLE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £79,950



RODEN BOYDELL

SEDGLEY



ALDER COPPICE

A four bedroom detached family home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a through lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen, a utility room, four bedrooms, a bathroom, a double garage and impressive gardens to the front, side and rear of the property.

£279,950

SEDGLEY



GREENACRES

A four bedroom detached home that enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac location with breathtaking views of the local farmland. It briefly comprises a reception hall, a reception hall, a spacious lounge, a dining room, a superb fitted kitchen, a 23ft conservatory, a utility room, a downstairs shower room, four bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a large rear garden.

£269,950

SEDGLEY



KINGFISHER CLOSE

A three-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, an open plan dining room / kitchen, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a beautiful rear garden that backs onto the local copcice.

£204,950

SOVEREIGN HEIGHTS



ATTINGHAM DRIVE

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a magnificent open plan dining room/fitted kitchen, a utility room, a master bedroom en suite, three further good size bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£199,950

THE HEDGEROWS



GOODRICH MEWS

A three-bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge with French doors opening onto the rear garden, a dining room, a magnificent fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a detached garage and a good sized rear garden.

£199,950

LARKS VIEW



RICHBOROUGH DRIVE

A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a master bedroom en suite, three further good sized bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden.

£199,950

EARLS KEEP



HOPTON GARDENS

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge with an archway leading through to the dining room, a breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a utility room, a downstairs wc, a master bedroom ensuite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway that provides parking for a number of cars, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£189,950

SEDGLEY



DINGLE VIEW

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, an open dining kitchen, a verandah, a downstairs wc, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired radiators, a delightful rear garden and a detached garage with an inspection pit.

£184,950

SEDGLEY



QUEENS ROAD

A three bedroom detached home, that briefly comprises: Reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge with a feature fireplace, dining room, fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, family bathroom, double glazing, gas-fired central heating, garage and rear garden.

£173,950

DUDLEY



DIBDALE ROAD

A three bedroom semi-detached home that is arranged on three floors and briefly comprises a reception hall, an open plan lounge/dining room, an L-shaped breakfast kitchen that incorporates a sitting area, a utility room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, a shower room, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a good sized rear garden.

£169,950

MILKING BANK



BRELADES CLOSE

A three bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a magnificent fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and a lovely rear garden.

£162,950

LOWER GORNAL



EATON CRESCENT

A two bedroom semi-detached bungalow that briefly comprises a reception porch, an L-shaped reception hall, a lounge with a feature fireplace and patio doors opening onto the rear garden, a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom, gas fired central heating, double glazing, a garage and a large rear garden.

£162,950

THE HEDGEROWS



GOODRICH MEWS

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a spacious lounge with doors leading into the conservatory, a dining room, a magnificent fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

£162,950

WOODSETTON



BROOK STREET

A three-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a re-appointed kitchen, three bedrooms, a re-appointed bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a lovely rear garden.

£156,950

FAIRVIEW PARK



MANDERSTON CLOSE

A three-bedroom mews style house that briefly comprises a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a lounge, an open plan kitchen / dining room, a conservatory, a master bedroom en-suite, two further bedrooms, a family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a delightful rear garden.

£156,950

MILKING BANK



COWLEY DRIVE

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, an upstairs office, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden.

£149,950

UPPER GORNAL



VALE STREET

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, an open plan kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden.

£136,950

MILKING BANK



BORDEAUX CLOSE

A two bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom with a shower, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a pleasant rear garden.

£128,950

FAIRVIEW PARK



MANDERSTON CLOSE

A two bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a lounge, a spacious dining kitchen, an inner hallway, a downstairs wc, two good sized bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a rear garden and an adjacent double carport area that provides parking for two cars.

£124,950

SEDGLEY



HIGHFIELD ROAD

A three bedroom semi detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge, a sitting room, a fitted kitchen, a verandah with two storage cupboards, a downstairs w/c, three bedrooms, a shower room, UPVC double glazing, part gas fired central heating, a driveway and a delightful garden that enjoys distant views of the Beacon.

£114,950

DUDLEY



CLENT VIEW, PROSPECT ROW

Clent view is a stunning development of brand new two and three-bedroom homes that are situated in a delightful cul-de-sac location adjacent to Buffery Park in Dudley. The beautifully appointed homes have been constructed by IP Developments and enjoy distant views of the Clent hills. Each property offers excellent living accommodation and has the benefit of a superb fitted kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating and a 10 year NHBC guarantee

From £114,950

HURST HILL



CLIFTON STREET

A two-bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a lounge, a fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway and a delightful rear garden.

£114,950

LOWER GORNAL



LAKE STREET

A three bedroom semi-detached home that comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a guest cloakroom, a substantial lounge, a fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a long rear garden.

£109,950

GORNAL WOOD



BANK ROAD

A two-bedroom mid terraced home that has been recently refurbished to a particularly high standard. The property briefly comprises a reception porch, a spacious lounge; a brand new fitted dining kitchen, two bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, a driveway and a lovely rear garden.

£106,950

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STRATHERN DRIVE
WOODCROSS




- Delightful three storey home
- Three bedrooms plus bathroom
- Lounge and dining kitchen
- Garage and utility room
- Stunning Views

£149,500

QUEENS ROAD
SEDGLEY



- Part modernised and repaired semi
- Three bedrooms plus bathroom
- Two reception rooms
- plus kitchen
- Part heating and double glazing
- Overgrown gardens

CASH OFFERS £90,000

FIR TREE DRIVE
SEDGLEY




- Extended semi detached
- Three bedrooms plus modern bathroom
- Living room and dining room
- Attractive kitchen
- Stylish garden

£149,995

POOL STREET
SEDGLEY




- ★ One of the best end terraced homes on the Market
- ★ Stylish lounge and fitted dining
- kitchen
- ★ Two bedrooms plus luxury bathroom
- ★ Sun room leading to private

Reduced to £109,995

BOUNDARY HILL
LOWER GORNAL



- ★ Prominent positioned semi detached location
- ★ Three bedrooms plus bathroom
- ★ Great family home
- ★ Living room with dining area
- ★ Garden plus garage
- ★ Great family home

REDUCED TO £109,000

HIMLEY ROAD
DUDLEY




- ★ Luxury detached in prominent location
- ★ Four bedrooms and three bathrooms
- ★ Two reception rooms and luxury kitchen
- ★ Garage and delightful gardens

Reduced to £242,500

CAMBERLEY CRESCENT
ETTINGSALL PARK



- Substantial semi in popular spot
- Three bed home with great view
- Lounge and dining room
- Good sized kitchen
- Bags of potential

£139,995

HARVEST CLOSE
UPPER GORNAL



- Extended semi detached in popular location
- FOUR bedrooms and two bathrooms
- Lounge and extended
- dining room
- Kitchen and ground floor cloakroom
- Delightful enclosed garden to rear

£169,950

ROPER WALK
SEDGLEY



- Ground floor apartment
- Popular and quiet location
- Two bedrooms plus bathroom
- Good sized lounge plus kitchen
- Stylish single level living

reduced to £69,995

WESTWOOD STREET
DUDLEY




- ★ Exceptional spacious modernised semi
- ★ Lounge and newly fitted dining
- kitchen
- ★ Two bedroom plus bathroom
- ★ Delightful gardens

Reduced to £299,950

BEACON LANE
SEDGLEY



- Stunning refurbished end town house
- Three bedrooms plus bathroom

£119,995

LOUNGE WITH FEATURE FIRE
DELIGHTFUL KITCHEN



- Generous private gardens

UPPER ETTINGSALL ROAD
COSELEY



- Modern semi detached in great location
- Two bedrooms plus bathroom
- Living Room and terrific Kitchen
- Rear garden and off road parking
- A great first home?

Reduced to £125,500

NORTH OVAL
UPPER GORNAL




- ★ Stylish end town house
- ★ Three bedrooms plus attic room
- ★ Generous living room and dining
- kitchen
- ★ Conservatory and gardens
- ★ Simply must be viewed

Reduced to £115,500

FLAVELLS LANE
GORNAL



- Extended and re furnished end town house
- Three bedrooms and modernised bathroom
- Stylish fitted kitchen
- Delightful lounge leading to conservatory
- Well designed gardens plus parking and garage

£123,500

SANDSTONE CLOSE
LOWER GORNAL



- Stylish end terrace house
- Lounge and Dining Kitchen
- Three bedrooms plus bathroom
- Delightful gardens
- Must be viewed

£119,950

SPRINGVALE CLOSE
COSELEY



- Stylish modern end town house
- Lounge and Dining Kitchen
- Three bedrooms plus bathroom
- Part paved gardens to rear
- Great first home??

£105,000

MASEFIELD AVENUE
DUDLEY



- Semi detached in popular location
- Three bedrooms plus bathroom
- Lounge and Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Pleasant gardens

£127,500

UPPER ETTINGSALL ROAD
COSELEY



- Exceptional town house that must be viewed
- Three bedrooms plus attic room
- Delightful lounge with feature fire surround
- Well fitted dining kitchen
- Excellent gardens with timber store/workroom


£125,000

BROAD STREET
PENSNETT



- Well maintained detached
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Extended living room

DELIGHTFUL REAR GARDEN
SUPER FAMILY HOME



£129,995

BRAMFORD DRIVE
WOODSETTON



- Traditional semi on corner plot
- Three bedrooms and bathroom
- Two reception rooms
- plus kitchen
- Garden to front side and rear
- Off road parking

Now reduced to £110,000

BATH STREET
SEDGLEY



- Traditional semi in popular location
- Three bedrooms plus bathroom
- Two reception rooms
- and Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Pleasant gardens plus garage

Reduced to £134,950

JEWS LANE
UPPER GORNAL



- Traditional style 3 bed detached
- 2 Reception rooms plus dining area
- Stunning gardens to the rear
- Off road parking plus garage
- Simply must be viewed

Reduced to £152,000

JOHNSON STREET
COSELEY



- Delightful spacious apartment
- Recently refitted kitchen and bathroom
- Lounge plus two bedrooms
- Gardens to rear
- MUST BE VIEWED

£72,950

FIVEWAYS COURT
LOWER GORNAL



- Superior second floor apartment
- Two bedrooms, Lounge, and kitchen
- Bathroom and en suite shower room
- 50% shared ownership available

£107,000

SANDSTONE CLOSE
LOWER GORNAL



- ★ Well presented first floor flat
- ★ Double bedroom
- ★ Refitted kitchen
- ★ Garage to rear

Reduced to £70,000

WOODCROSS LANE
WOODCROSS



- Semi detached with great potential
- Three bedrooms plus bathroom
- Generous lounge plus
- kitchen
- Gardens to rear
- An excellent opportunity

Reduced £89,995

PALE STREET
UPPER GORNAL



- ★ Prominently positioned semi
- ★ Two bedrooms plus bathroom
- ★ Now reduced to £99,995
- ★ Lounge and Dining Kitchen
- ★ Useful store room

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16 HINSFORD CLOSE £209,950
KINGSWINFORD
● A 4 bedroom detached house
● Lounge, dining room, fitted cloakroom,
● Re-fitted kitchen, bathroom, en-suite
● Garage with utility area, driveway
● Central heating & double glazing



88 MARINE CRESCENT £179,950
WORDSLEY
● A 2 bedroom detached bungalow
● Lounge, conservatory
● Re-fitted kitchen & wet room
● Driveway extending alongside property
● Central heating & double glazing



130 KINGSLEY ROAD £174,950
KINGSWINFORD
● A 2/3 bedroom semi-detached property
● Situated in a popular residential area
● Cloakroom, lounge, re-fitted kitchen
● Bathroom, loft - used as a bedroom
● Central heating & double glazing



24 FERNHURST DRIVE £174,950
PENSNETT
● A 4 bedroom detached home
● Lounge, dining room, kitchen
● Utility room, cloakroom
● En-suite shower room, family bathroom
● Garage, rear gardens, central heating



21 NEW DUDLEY ROAD £168,950
WALL HEATH
● A 3 bedroom semi-detached house
● Lounge, dining room, re-fitted kitchen
● Bathroom, driveway at front
● Front & rear gardens
● Central heating & double glazing



15 HAMILTON CLOSE £166,950
WORDSLEY
● Extended 3 bedroom semi-detached house
● Cloakroom, lounge/diner, enlarged kitchen
● Bathroom, study/workshop (from garden)
● Part garage conversion to create store
● Central heating & double glazing



49 PARKFIELD ROAD £162,000
STOURBRIDGE
● Traditional 3 bedroom semi
● Through lounge/dining area
● Extended re-fitted breakfast kitchen
● Re-fitted bathroom, garage with utility off
● Double glazing, central heating



40 ARLINGTON CLOSE £157,500
KINGSWINFORD
● 3 bedroom semi-detached house
● In need of modernisation
● Through lounge/dining area
● Kitchen, bathroom, garage, driveway
● Gas warm air heating, part double glazing



23 SANDRINGHAM ROAD £154,500
WORDSLEY
● Extended 3 bedroom semi-detached house
● Lounge, re-fitted dining kitchen, utility
● Versatile room + shower room off
● Bathroom, large driveway, rear garden
● Central heating & double glazing



30 METFIELD CROFT £150,000
KINGSWINFORD
● 2/4 bedroom semi detached bungalow
● Lounge, kitchen, bathroom
● 4 bedrooms or 2 bed/sitting room/study
● Tandem garage, driveway, no upward chain
● Central heating, double glazing & alarm



42 LUTLEY DRIVE £149,950
PEDMORE
● 3 storey, 3 bedroom mid terraced property
● Popular estate close to rail links/M5 access
● Close to Stourbridge, good schools nearby
● Lounge, dining kitchen, bathroom, garage
● D. glazing to windows/doors & c. heating



305 ALBERMARLE ROAD £147,950
KINGSWINFORD
● Semi-detached house with tandem garage
● Lounge, conservatory, re-fitted kitchen
● Re-fitted downstairs bathroom
● 3 bedrooms (2 are interconnecting)
● Central heating & double glazing



10 SWISS DRIVE £146,950
WORDSLEY
● 3 bedroom semi-detached house
● Quiet cul-de-sac, lounge, dining room
● Re-fitted dining kitchen & bathroom
● Driveway, front & rear gardens
● Central heating & double glazing



20 COWLEY DRIVE £144,950
MILKING BANK
● Modern 3 bedroom semi-detached house
● Lounge, dining kitchen, bathroom
● Gardens to front and rear
● Driveway, parking
● Central heating



99 AUSTREY ROAD £144,950
KINGSWINFORD
● Extended 3/4 bedroom semi-detached
● Lounge/diner, dining room/bed 4/study
● Extended breakfast kitchen, bathroom
● Driveway to front, level rear garden
● Central heating and double glazing



5 GRIFFIN STREET £142,500
NETHERTON
● 2 bedroom semi detached on a wide plot
● Development potential - sub. to planning
● Verandah, 3 reception rooms
● Kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, garage
● Large driveway, good size rear garden



56 BELLS LANE £134,950
WORDSLEY
● 3 bedroom semi-detached house
● Through lounge/dining area
● Extended & re-fitted kitchen
● Bathroom, garage, driveway
● Central heating & double glazing



22 ROKWOOD CLOSE £132,500
KINGSWINFORD
● A 3 bedroom mid town house
● Through lounge/dining area
● Fitted kitchen, re-fitted shower room
● Garage at rear, and central heating
● Double glazing where stated



55 GEORGE STREET £114,950
WORDSLEY
● 2 bedroom and terraced house
● Well modernised and tastefully decorated
● Lounge, re-fitted kitchen & bathroom
● Driveway, pleasant rear garden, NO CHAIN
● Double glazing, central heating



42 SURREY DRIVE £114,950
KINGSWINFORD
● Modern 2 bedroom maisonette
● Lounge, re-fitted dining kitchen
● Re-fitted bathroom, alarm
● Allocated parking plus visitors space
● Central heating, double glazing



11 BIRCH AVENUE £104,000
BRIERLEY HILL
● A two bedroom semi detached property
● Through lounge/dining area
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KINGSWINFORD, BURROWS ROAD
● Superb Semi Detached Property
● Recently Refurbished Throughout
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● Attractive Through Lounge With Laminated Flooring
● Re-Fitted Shower Room
● Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
● Delightful Rear Gardens
● Driveway ● Unfurnished

£570 PCM - NO DSS



DUDLEY, KESTREL ROAD
● Superb spacious semi-detached property
● Three bedrooms Splendid lounge with corner sofa
● Fitted dining kitchen with oven, hob, table and chairs
● Bathroom with shower over the bath
● Gas central heating, UPVC double glazing
● Delightful rear garden. Garage and driveway

£550 pcm



PENSNETT, ROOKERY PARK
● Superb semi detached property
● Three bedrooms, fitted kitchen with cooker
● Attractive lounge, first floor wc
● Ground floor bathroom with shower over the bath
● Gas central heating and large rear garden

£485 pcm



PENSNETT, BLEWITT STREET
● Impressive semi detached property
● Two good size bedrooms. Superb refitted kitchen with oven and hob
● Splendid lounge
● Refitted bathroom with shower over the bath
● Ground floor cloakroom/wc
● Gas central heating & UPVC double glazing
● Delightful rear garden, driveway

£485 pcm No DSS



TIVIDALE QUAYS, WYNN GRIFFITH DRIVE
● Superb modern house
● One double bedroom, Splendid lounge
● Fitted kitchen with oven and hob
● Bathroom with shower over the bath
● Double glazing, gas central heating
● Driveway

£425 pcm No DSS



AMBLECOTE, BEAUMONT DRIVE,
● Superb modern semi detached house
● Four bedrooms, attractive through lounge with laminate flooring
● Stylish fitted kitchen with built in oven and hob
● Ground floor wc, refitted bathroom with rolled top bath and corner shower cubicle, gas central heating and upvc double glazing, integral garage, delightful rear garden and block paved driveway

£169,950



DUDLEY, THE BUFFERY
● Spacious semi detached property
● Set over three floors. Three bedrooms
● Lounge, dining room
● Fitted kitchen. Ground floor bathroom
● Gas central heating
● Rear courtyard

£69,950



BRIERLEY HILL, FOXDALE DRIVE
● Impressive first floor apartment
● Two bedrooms, bathroom
● Master with built in wardrobe
● Splendid lounge, fitted kitchen
● Electric storage heaters & UPVC double glazing
● Allocated parking

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BRIERLEY HILL, BAGUE WALK,
● Impressive First Floor Apartment
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NETHERTON, BRIAR COURT, BAPTIST END ROAD
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Offers around £219,950



BRIERLEY HILL WALDRONE AVENUE

This very nicely presented much improved 3 bed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family and is pleasantly situated with good sized rear gardens in this popular and convenient address. Briefly comprises: Hall, Spacious Lounge, Attractive re-fitted Dining Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, 3 good Bedrooms, Attractive Bathroom with Shower, Pleasant large mature rear Gardens with private outlook and Garage with paved surface rear Driveway.

Offers around £104,950



NETHERTON MARLOW CLOSE

Pleasantly situated just into this popular cul-de-sac off Bowling Green Road, this Modern Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated accommodation which although requires modernisation and improvement provides tremendous further potential for the young family. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and briefly comprising: Porch, Hall, Spacious Lounge, Dining Kitchen with Built in Oven and Hob, Potential Utility, 2 Good Bedrooms (originally 3 and easily re-converted), Bathroom, Side Garage, Driveway and Rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect.

Offers around £104,950



DUDLEY WOOD CRABOURNE ROAD

Pleasantly situated in his popular, mature and convenient address, this Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached residence provides spacious, Upvc double glazed accommodation with right storage heating and although requiring modernisation and improvement provides tremendous further potential. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN and briefly comprises: Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Good Bedrooms, Bathroom, Large Useful Basement Room with great potential, pleasant landscaped mature Rear Gardens with access from the rear and Foregarden.

Offers around £104,950



DUDLEY QUENTIN DRIVE

Most pleasantly situated towards the head of this popular and mature cul-de-sac with large well kept rear gardens, this deceptively presented Modern 3 Bedroom Detached residence provides refreshingly spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the larger family and briefly comprises: Hall, Spacious Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Kitchen, 3 Excellent Bedrooms, Large Bathroom with Separate Shower, Large Side Garage, Pleasant Large Landscaped Rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect and Block Paved Driveway for 2 Cars to the Front.

Offers around £219,950



WITHYMOORE VILLAGE ALDEFORD DRIVE

Enjoying a pleasant corner position in this ever popular address, this attractively presented Modern 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. Briefly comprises: Reception Hall, spacious Lounge, Double Glazed Conservatory, fitted Kitchen, 2 well proportioned Bedrooms, attractively fitted Shower Room, pleasant good sized rear Gardens with westerly aspect and Garage to rear and driveway.

Offers around £164,995



BRIERLEY HILL ULLSWATER RISE

This superbly presented, improved Modern 2 Bedroom Link Detached provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed, ideal for the discerning young family or professional couple in this popular address. Briefly comprises: Hall, attractive Lounge, separate Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, 2 good Bedrooms with access to Bedroom 3, refitted Bathroom, pleasant long rear garden with tarmac driveway providing excellent rear parking with excellent further scope for storage of car/van/motor etc. or other uses (subject to planning permissions).

Offers around £129,950



NETHERTON BIRCH TERRACE

This well presented Traditional 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached residence provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family in this popular address. Briefly comprises: Hall, attractive Lounge, separate Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, 2 good Bedrooms with access to Bedroom 3, refitted Bathroom, pleasant long rear garden with tarmac driveway providing excellent rear parking with excellent further scope for storage of car/van/motor etc. or other uses (subject to planning permissions).

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KINGSWINFORD STANDHILLS ROAD

This 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached residence provides deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and mostly Upvc double glazed accommodation in this popular and convenient address and although requiring certain upgrading and modernisation offers tremendous further potential. Briefly comprises: Hall, spacious Lounge, separate Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, side Lobby with Useful Stores off, 3 well proportioned Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, pleasant landscaped rear Gardens with private outlook and landscaped fore garden.

Offers around £117,500



PENSNETT SWAN STREET

This attractively presented considerably extended 3 bedroom Semi-Detached provides extremely deceptively spacious gas centrally heated and mostly UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the First Time Buyer or young family. Briefly comprises: Hall, attractive Lounge, separate Dining Room, fitted Kitchen, 2 good Bedrooms with access to Bedroom 3, refitted Bathroom, pleasant long rear garden with tarmac driveway providing excellent rear parking with excellent further scope for storage of car/van/motor etc. or other uses (subject to planning permissions).

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BRIERLEY HILL ROOKERY AVENUE

Pleasantly situated in this popular and convenient address, this 2 bedroom Semi-Detached residence provides deceptively spacious Upvc double glazed accommodation which although requires certain upgrading and redecoration provides tremendous further potential and is available with No Upward Chain. Briefly comprises: Hall, Lounge, Dining area, Kitchen/Venanda, 2 good Bedrooms, Bathroom, pleasant Rear Gardens and driveway to front.

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PENSNETT PRIMROSE PARK

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Terrace property, Lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, gas central heating, carpets & curtains, rear garden. Unfurnished.

£510 pcm



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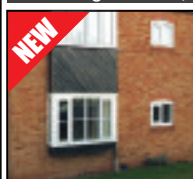
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KINGSWINFORD**67 Bromley Lane**

AN IMMACULATE AND EXPENSIVELY IMPROVED SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW which enjoys a sought after address and is set back beyond the LARGE FRONTAGE DRIVEWAY, offering a DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS and EXTREMELY WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation which is ready to move into, comprising: reception hall, large attractive lounge, separate formal dining room, extensively refitted hall with built in appliances through to LARGE CONSERVATORY, EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOM, superbly refitted bathroom, a STUNNING & BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED LOFT with roof windows, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. This property is further enhanced by the GARAGE and a GOOD SIZED LEVEL REAR GARDEN which has been attractively landscaped and enjoys a secluded aspect. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £184,950

DUDLEY**Aintree Way, Milking Bank**

A meticulously maintained, significantly enhanced, freehold, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated McLean built detached envially situated with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS and comprising traditional reception hall, elegant 17H lounge with bay & living flame gas fire, separate dining room with double opening french doors to garden, upgraded kitchen, laundry, fitted cloakroom. Three bedrooms principal bedroom with mirrored wardrobes & reappointed shower room en suite, reappointed/tile-bathed bathroom with white suite, garage, alarm system, expertly tended/sheltered rear garden with many specimen plants. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £179,950

WORDSLEY**7 Hamilton Close**

A SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED AND BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED MODERN SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE which is delightfully located within a pleasant cul-de-sac upon sought after Ashwood Park/Forest Lawns; offering a VERY SPACIOUS and WELL PROPORTIONED layout, comprising: Reception Hall, Large Lounge, Spacious Separate Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen with Built in appliances, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS and modern bathroom. FULL WIDTH DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a VERY PLEASANT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £154,950

WOLVERHAMPTON**Tynedale Crescent, Ettingshall Park**

A Freehold, gas centrally heated & mostly double glazed semi detached excellently situated in "quiet backwater" upon popular estate. Accommodation comprises: enlarged porch, reception hall, dining room with bay, lounge with bay (and open fire), enlarged kitchen, Three bedrooms, bathroom. Garage, garden, block paved double driveway. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950

KINGSWINFORD**4 The Rise**

A VERY LARGE AND SUBSTANTIAL MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME which enjoys a much sought after cul de sac location and providing an EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS and IMMACULATELY PRESENTED layout, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: large hall, ground floor guests cloakroom/w.c., 18+ lounge with dining area, 14+ refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE LARGE BEDROOMS and shower room. The property is slightly elevated beyond the BROAD DRIVEWAY leading to GARAGE and to the rear providing an attractively landscaped low maintenance garden with decking, a secluded rear aspect and enjoying pleasant elevated views. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £152,500

WOODSETTON**Sedgley Road**

RARE OPPORTUNITY. Significantly ENLARGED/EXTENDED, 4/5 bedroom semi detached providing extremely flexible room layout. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, fourth bedroom (with shower room en suite), through living/dining room, extended/refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'high gloss white' finish units & a further fifth bedroom beyond. To the first floor are three bedrooms & a reappointed bathroom with white suite, sheltered rear garden with rear VEHICULAR ACCESS. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

KINGSWINFORD**8 Pinewood Walk**

Delightfully situated, enjoying a very pleasant predominantly level setting upon the highly sought after, Blandford Mere, this ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED AND WELL MAINTAINED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW enjoys an ATTRACTIVE OPEN FRONT OUTLOOK and offers a VERY SPACIOUS LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, rear porch, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, bathroom and separate w.c. Set back beyond an ATTRACTIVELY LANDSCAPED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN with GARAGE to the rear. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £148,950

SEDGLEY**Northway**

An attractive, significantly improved & conscientiously maintained, uPVC double glazed semi detached in popular favoured neighbourhood. Accommodation provides entrance hallway, lounge, dining room (with patio doors to garden), kitchen, pantry, three bedrooms (one with wardrobes), bathroom, carport, utility room & 'office' beyond, block paved foregarden, landscaped rear garden with raised decking & good views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £145,000

WOODSETTON**Duncroft Walk**

A most impressive, immaculately presented, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached enjoys a leafy open aspect to front & is well worthy of internal inspection. The much improved & conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises entrance hall, stylish lounge, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, ground floor shower room, conservatory, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, useful loft space, garage & low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £142,950

SEDGLEY**Whitesmith Close**

Comparatively spacious, gas centrally heated & double glazed, GROUND FLOOR Apartment forming part of a small development overseen by the Accord Housing Association for owners aged 55+ over with visiting manager facility, and many excellent design features. Enviably situated just off Mill Bank and within immediate walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, and the accommodation provides; 17 ft living/dining room, kitchen, inner hallway, two double bedrooms, bathroom. Gated parking, communal grounds. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £142,950

KINGSWINFORD**1C New Street**

A MOST DECEPTIVE, BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED, 'PERIOD' END OF TERRACE HOME which is superbly located within this mature address located between Barnett Lane and Cot Lane and offering a GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED AND EXPENSIVELY APPOINTED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: separate formal dining room, attractive well proportioned lounge, inner hall, ATTRACTIVELY REFITTED BREAKFAST KITCHEN with integrated appliances, spacious and well appointed bathroom and TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS. The property enjoys a GOOD SIZED and PLEASANTLY SECURED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £139,950

SWINDON VILLAGE**15 Winston Road**

Enjoying a semi-rural setting and exceptionally well placed within most sought after Swindon Village, BACKING ONTO THE BEAUTIFUL CANAL SIDE, this GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED, END TERRACE FAMILY HOME offers a VERY SPACIOUS and THOUGHTFULLY PLANNED LAYOUT of accommodation, including UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious lounge, separate dining room, fitted kitchen, rear porch, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, bathroom and refitted shower room. Gently elevated and set back beyond the attractive foregarden, together with the TARMAC DRIVEWAY and enjoying a PLEASANTLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN onto the beautiful canal side. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £139,950

WORDSLEY**31 Windsor Grove**

This SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED, TRADITIONAL BAY FRONTED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers a VERY SPACIOUS and IMMACULATELY PRESENTED arrangement of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, entrance porch, reception hall, very spacious lounge with dining area of 24 ft x 11 ft, extended and attractively refitted breakfast kitchen, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS and refitted shower room. Gently elevated and set back beyond the attractive foregarden, together with the TARMAC DRIVEWAY and enjoying a PLEASANTLY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £134,950

GORNAL WOOD**Himley Road**

An exceptionally stylish, tremendously modernised, enhanced & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed traditional semi detached in favoured neighbourhood with good distant views. Superb accommodation (lofty ceiling heights) provides separate dining room, inner lobby, understairs store, excellent sitting room with living flame feature gas fire, refitted 'cottage style' kitchen with a fine range of 'Old English Cream' finish units, utility section, separate toilet. Two double bedrooms (principal bedroom with dressing room & re-tiled/reappointed bathroom en suite with shower). Parking to front & secluded sheltered rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £134,950

COSELEY**Paul Street, Hurst Hill**

NO UPWARD CHAIN! An absolutely outstanding & comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed intermediate 'starter home' presented in exemplary order throughout in a popular/convenient district. Meticulously maintained accommodation includes traditional 14'6" reception hall, fitted cloakroom, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'maple' effect units, transverse lounge (with double french doors out to garden), TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with built in wardrobes & a shower room en suite), house bathroom with white suite, block paved parking, landscaped secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

COSELEY**Gough Road**

This beautifully presented uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners and is situated in an established residential location. The property is well worthy of internal inspection & briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, kitchen with a range of units, sitting/dining room, three good bedrooms, bathroom, garage, block paved driveway providing ample parking & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950

SEDGLEY**The Walk**

This most impressive, deceptively spacious, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated mid townhouse has undergone a comprehensive scheme of modernisation & improvement and simply must be viewed to fully appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property, which may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families, briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, splendid refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, guest w.c., three good bedrooms, beautiful refitted bathroom with white suite & separate shower cubicle, driveway & a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,950

LOWER GORNAL**Brook Street**

A significantly modernised & improved, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZED & gas centrally heated traditional intermediate terrace of character with walking distance of village & all amenities. Delightful accommodation includes entrance porch, lounge with feature living flame fireplace, lobby, understairs store, REFITTED breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' units & integrated oven/hob, THREE BEDROOMS, reappointed/re-tiled bathroom with white 'Heritage' suite, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £107,750

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Offers Around £104,950

DUDLEY**Highland Road**

This immaculately presented, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated end terrace house has been considerably improved & maintained by the current owner and is sure to appeal to first time buyers. The stylish accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, living room, breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units, two bedrooms (principal bedroom with built-in wardrobe), refitted bathroom with white suite, allocated parking, pleasant low maintenance rear garden with further 'secret garden' beyond. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £104,950

BRIERLEY HILL**Leys Road**

Ideally situated, close to all local amenities, is this gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed, two bedroomed mid townhouse, perfectly suited to the first time buyer/young family and comprising: inner hall, lounge, re-fitted kitchen, two first floor bedrooms, modern bathroom, parking to the rear, rear garden area, tasteful decor. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £99,950

WORDSLEY**13 Fairfield Road**

OFFERING EXCELLENT POTENTIAL FOR EXTENSION AND IMPROVEMENT (extension subject to planning consent), this TRADITIONAL TWO BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED HOUSE occupies a fantastic sized plot within this popular and established location, offering a VERY WELL PROPORTIONED LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, well proportioned lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, L-shaped veranda, TWO EXCELLENT SIZED BEDROOMS and bathroom. Set back beyond the DOUBLE WIDTH DRIVEWAY which provides ample off-road parking for several vehicles and enjoying a VERY LARGE & ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £99,950 - No Upward Chain

PENSNETT**Heydon Road**

This modern style, uPVC double glazed (vast majority of units), gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached property now requires comprehensive modernisation/improvement, yet offers excellent potential. Accommodation briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, through lounge/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, lamascaud hardstanding to front, and a rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £84,950

SEDGLEY/WOODSETTON BORDER**Tipton Road**

RARE OPPORTUNITY! A significantly enlarged & extremely SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed FIVE BEDROOM detached family home that has been 'transformed' in recent months to an exemplary standard. Excellently situated in extensive secluded grounds well away from the main Tipton Road (quiet line approach), accommodation includes imposing 30'10" reception hall, magnificent 32ft. lounge/dining room, enlarged/refitted 18ft. kitchen, three bedrooms, updated bathroom. To the first floor are two further double bedrooms (one with walk-in wardrobe) & stylish shower room. DOUBLE GARAGE block with workroom/store above, extensive block paved parking, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £295,000

ASHWOOD**3 Waterworks Cottages**

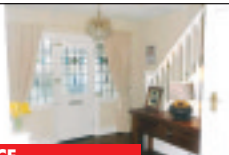
A SUBSTANTIAL 'PERIOD' END COTTAGE which forms part of a small collection of distinctive homes, SURROUNDED BY BEAUTIFUL OPEN COUNTRY/IDEAL which has, in recent years, been EXPENSIVELY and BEAUTIFULLY UPDATED AND IMPROVED, enhancing the GENEROUS layout which retains much of the original 'charm and character', comprising: hallway, large attractive lounge with log burner, dining room area off, re-appointed kitchen with 'Rayburn', utility, LARGE CONSERVATORY, refitted bathroom, THREE BEDROOMS, first floor w.c., CENTRAL HEATING and uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. This delightful rural property is further enhanced by GARAGE and CAR PARKING together with general and beautifully landscaped 'cottage' style gardens upon three sides which enjoy seclusion and a sunny aspect. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £244,950

SEDGLEY**NEW PRICE**

A SPACIOUS, significantly modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally & uPVC double glazed inter-war detached of character with many fine period features & providing FURTHER POTENTIAL, with planning consent for substantial to side & rear. Accommodation includes entrance, imposing reception hall (original woodblock floor), store, elegant lounge with bay, sitting room, rear lobby, kitchen, transverse 24'3" verandah. THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, stylish reappointed bathroom with white suite incorporating jacuzzi, large (22'8" garage), extensive, well planted/secluded garden. PROPERTY OPEN FOR VIEWINGS ON SUNDAY 22ND MAY 2011 FROM 10.30 AM UNTIL 1.00 PM. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £229,950

Dudley Road**LOWER GORNAL****The Alley**

A particularly SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached semi detached envially located in quiet cul de sac backing onto open fields & with SUPERB OPEN ASPECT. Upgraded accommodation provides entrance vestibule, reception hall, superb refitted kitchen with a fine range of cream finish units & GRANITE work surfaces, transverse lounge, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Principal bedroom with shower room en suite, two further generous bedrooms (BEDROOM TWO WITH FITTED WARDROBES), reappointed bathroom with white suite, garage, lengthy secluded rear garden with southerly aspect, patio, decking with lighting & speakers. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £210,000

WOLVERHAMPTON/SEDGLEY BORDERS**Camberley Crescent, Ettingshall Park**

Envially situated in quiet 'backwater' yet within immediate walking distance of the 'Beacon' and many other amenities, an attractive, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed Mucklow built detached family home. Accommodation includes porch, reception hall, 25ft through living room (previously two reception rooms) refitted kitchen with French doors through to a double glazed conservatory beyond. Integral garage now utilised as sitting room/utility room/w.c. THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, upgraded bathroom with white suite, delightful secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £194,950

LOWER GORNAL**Ruiton Street**

An OUTSTANDING, meticulously maintained, and significantly improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached bungalow presented in exemplary order throughout and comprising: entrance hallway, boiler/cloakroom, 20'9" living/dining room, inner hallway, store, reappointed shower room (former bathroom) with stylish white suite, two bedrooms, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'maple' effect units & various integrated appliances. Brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Extensive gated parking, neat landscaped garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,950

KINGSWINFORD**£5,000 REDUCTION****20 Westview Drive**

Set within GENEROUS GARDEN/GROUNDS, this MOST DECEPTIVE AND DISTINCTIVE MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME enjoys a very pleasant cul de sac setting, approached from The Knoll, and offers a VERSATILE and SPACIOUS layout of ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED accommodation which includes GAS CENTRAL HEATING, FIRST uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: reception hall, fantastic large full width lounge with dining room area, refitted kitchen, utility room, bedroom (office/separate dining room), TWO LARGE FIRST FLOOR DOUBLE BEDROOMS, master with shower, and white bathroom. Planning permission has been obtained for garage conversion with tied roof to bedroom four and with TWO SEPARATE DRIVEWAYS, INTEGRAL GARAGE, SEPARATE DETACHED GARAGE and a secluded rear/border garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £169,950 - No Upward Chain

DUDLEY**Priory Road**

An extremely SPACIOUS, significantly EXTENDED, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed semi detached presented in superb order throughout & envily situated overlooking park. Superb accommodation includes entrance porch, imposing reception hall with stylish shower room/w.c. leading off, magnificent 26'8" through living room (formerly separate rooms) with bay & patio doors, separate dining room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, FOUR BEDROOMS (possibility of sub-division), bathroom with white suite, LARGE GARAGE (with laundry section), delightful gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £168,500

LOWER GORNAL**St. Andrews Close**

A tremendously enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached envily located in quiet cul de sac backing onto open fields & with SUPERB OPEN ASPECT. Upgraded accommodation provides entrance vestibule, reception hall, superb refitted kitchen with a fine range of cream finish units & GRANITE work surfaces, transverse lounge, brick/uPVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Principal bedroom with shower room en suite, two further generous bedrooms (BEDROOM TWO WITH FITTED WARDROBES), reappointed bathroom with white suite, garage, lengthy secluded rear garden with southerly aspect, patio, decking with lighting & speakers. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £164,950

LOWER GORNAL**Cinder Road**

RARE OPPORTUNITY! A delightful conscientiously maintained, recently uPVC double glazed & also gas centrally heated semi detached of character with TREMENDOUS POTENTIAL, on periphery of well regarded village. Accommodation provides reception hall, store, large L-shape living/dining room (previously separate rooms), kitchen, rear lobby, boiler room, separate w.c., outer double glazed porch, utility room. Three well proportioned bedrooms, recently reappointed bathroom with contemporary look white suite, Lengthy 32ft carport, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £160,000

SEDGLEY**Northway**

An attractive, conscientiously maintained & significantly improved, gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed semi detached within walking distance of so many amenities/facilities. Accommodation provides: entrance hallway, through living room sub-divided to form a 17 ft sitting room section and a further dining room section (with patio doors), kitchen, utility room. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobe), reappointed bathroom with a white suite. Garage, secluded landscaped 'japanese' style garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950

COSELEY**NEW PRICE****Fozdar Crescent**

A distinctive, highly individual & comparatively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & most uPVC double glazed detached house that has been conscientiously maintained and much improved by vendors over the years. Set in cul de sac just off Ettingshall Road, the accommodation provides entrance porch, reception hall, fitted cloakroom/store, transverse lounge, sitting room with patio doors, refitted kitchen, utility room, three bedrooms (principal bedroom with fitted units & a w.c. en suite), spacious bathroom. Extensive secure concrete parking for a number of vehicles and LARGE CONTRACTORS GARAGE (20'9" x 11'5"). SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £149,950

KINGSWINFORD**£5,000 REDUCTION****2 Beaulieu Avenue**

Occupying a very pleasant 'cul de sac' setting upon the fringe of the very popular and sought after 'High Acres' development, which enjoys its own selection of local amenities, this VERY SPACIOUS, MODERN DETACHED BUNGALOW offers VERY SPACIOUS accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, MOST uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, splendid large lounge with ample dining space, fitted kitchen, inner hall, TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and shower room. Set back beyond an attractive fore garden with lawn and conifer trees, together with a GOOD SIZED 'BLOCK PAVED' DRIVEWAY, with approach to a GARAGE and enjoying a PLEASANT REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £149,950

COSELEY**Cedar Avenue, Bramford Estate**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. An attractive, EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached in a well regarded district. The accommodation includes: porch, reception hall, pantry, lounge with bay, sitting room, extended (11'10" x 11') breakfast kitchen, Three bedrooms, bathroom, Garage, rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £147,950

WOODSETTON**Woodsetton Close**

A conscientiously maintained, significantly modernised & improved, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed semi detached in quiet cul de sac with secluded well tended rear garden. Accommodation includes enlarged entrance porch, inner hallway, stylish living room, transverse dining kitchen with a fine range of units (patio doors out to garden), three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite, garage, ample parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £145,950

COSELEY**Greenfield Croft**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This modern style, extended, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated detached family home would ideally benefit from cosmetic improvement/upgrading, yet offers excellent potential. Situated in a quiet cul de sac, the surprisingly spacious property briefly comprises entrance hall, living room, dining room addition, kitchen, three good bedrooms bathroom, separate w.c., driveway, garage & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

DUDLEY**Dibdale Road**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A modernised, much improved and conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated (comb boiler) and double glazed semi detached most conveniently situated with panoramic views and access to all local amenities and facilities. Slightly concealed and set back from the road the accommodation includes reception hall, tremendous L-shaped through lounge/dining room with patio doors to rear, upgraded refitted kitchen (many appliances) pantry, three bedrooms, bathroom, FURNITURE & OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE, extensive driveway/gated parking, good sized garage, rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950

COSELEY**Upper Ettingshall Road**

A gas centrally heated, uPVC double glazed & re-roofed traditional semi detached that has been transformed by vendors over the years with WIDE PLOT (giving scope for extensive parking/possible extensions). Stylish accommodation includes reception hall, fitted cloakroom, living room (with cast open fireplace), superb 21'4" refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'bespoke' cream finish 'Shaker' style units incorporating various appliances & a range. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobe), reappointed bathroom with white suite, extensive parking, GARAGE, rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £132,000

WALL HEATH**NEW PRICE****32 Enville Road**





























This MOST DECEPTIVE 'PERIOD' END OF TERRACE HOME is very well placed within highly sought after Wall Heath Village, just a short distance from friendly local shops and excellent local schooling and offers a SPACIOUS LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, uPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious lounge with dining area of 26'0" x 10'2" (max), L-shaped fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, refitted classic white bathroom, TWO FIRST FLOOR DOUBLE BEDROOMS and superb loft (stairs off bedroom 2). Set back beyond the DRIVEWAY to the fore and enjoying a patio / lawn rear garden with large store. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

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Alfa revives a pedigree with chic and charisma

By Peter Carroll

AS ALFA ROMEO prepares to celebrate its 100th anniversary in June, the Italian firm's latest model revives one of the most evocative names from its glorious past: The Giulietta.

Few car companies can match Alfa Romeo for sporting pedigree and it remains by some distance the most glamorous of the mainstream marques. But pedigree and glamour count for little unless you are shifting metal – and these days loss-making Alfa needs to start selling more cars in order to remain viable.

With that in mind the Turin-based firm has revived the Giulietta, one of the most charismatic names from its distinguished heritage, to do battle in the cut-throat mid-sized hatchback sector of the market.

While Alfas of old were traditionally all about driver appeal and effortless chic, these days the more workmanlike qualities of solidity and reliability are required too.

Still, there's enough Italian flair and style about the design of the Giulietta to keep the most ardent of Alfisti happy, from the chiselled front, with its 8C-style compact grille, to the elegantly rounded proportions of the rear.

From the side, it admittedly resembles a SEAT Leon but then that was designed by Alfa old boy Walter de Silva anyway.

The new Giulietta is some 16 per cent bigger than its predecessor, the 147, which probably does not count for much, as space was never a plus point in the former.

The Giulietta does feel slightly tight for space in the back but at least there's a decent sized boot, which you open by pressing the Alfa badge.

The cabin is not as dramatic as that of the Brera, or even the 159, but is nevertheless stylish and distinguished by a row of centrally located toggle switches with a designer feel.

Interior quality looks decent, though you'd ideally need to own one for a few months to see if it remained free of rattles and squeaks.

The leather seats in the test car, a top-of-the-range 170hp Veloce 2.0 litre diesel, were good and I found it easy to get comfortable behind the wheel – something that could not be said of every Alfa in the past.

If, like me, you tend to associate Alfas with revvy engines and light, deft steering, you'll find neither present in the Veloce diesel. The soundtrack from under the bonnet is more mundane, while the steering is accurate but on the weighty side – and it gets even heavier if you press the Dynamic button on the "DNA" selector panel.

This panel, under the centre console, offers a choice of three driver settings, depending on road conditions.

The "A" position is for adverse weather conditions, while the default setting is "N" for normal. "D" for is "Dynamic" and employed when drivers wish to press on.

The throttle response becomes notably sharper and the car feels far quicker when this setting is engaged.

Not everyone will appreciate the extra steering weight that comes into play, however, and none of the settings can be customised.

All models in the Giulietta range benefit from Alfa's clever electronic Q2 differential which adjusts the power directed to the front wheels to boost traction through bends.

Competitive

Driven carefully, it should be possible to return 50mpg but hey, this is an Alfa and my consumption ended up in the low 40s, as I had it in "D" most of the time.

Running costs should be reasonable. The Giulietta can be driven frugally, CO2 emissions are competitive, and service intervals extend to over 20,000 miles. Insurance for the 170hp model is group 25 out of 50 but this falls to

group 20 if the 140hp model is chosen, and it's only slightly less quick.

The Giulietta feels solid and assured on the road rather than nervous and flighty. Ride quality is good and the car makes a decent fist of soaking up the bumps.

Too often in the past Alfas have represented the triumph of style over substance with poor reliability and inferior build quality leading to catastrophic residual values.

But the firm looks to be turning things round with cars like the MiTo and now the Giulietta. It's still too early to tell whether the Giulietta has the staying power to transform the fortunes of the loss-making, Fiat-owned brand – but it certainly possesses

enough panache to appeal as an alternative to the ubiquitous Focus, Golf or Astra hatchback offerings. There are plenty of other "boutique" offerings in this sector, however, ranging from the excellent value Citroen DS3 and forthcoming DS4 to Audi's A1 and VW's shapely Scirocco.

Alfa Romeo expects diesel Giuliettas to outsell petrol models in the UK, to the sort of driver who has to buy with the head as well as the heart.

But if you like the idea of an Alfa I still think you'd be better off – emotionally, if not financially – with a petrol Giulietta.



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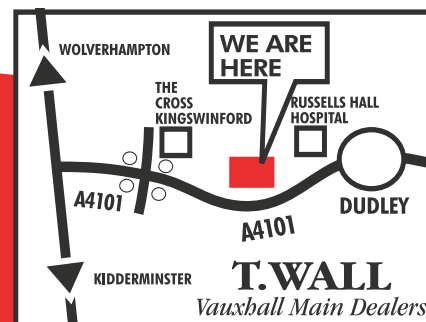
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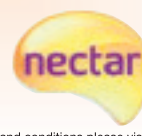
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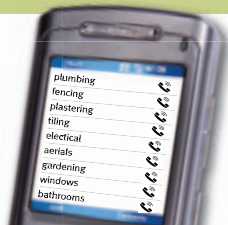
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Youngsters join the celebrations

STOURBRIDGE under-12s have a new kit – and grabbed a great chance to show it off.

The team, which will play in the Kidderminster District League next season, received £500 from Brierley Hill recruitment firm Cushillo Personnel Ltd towards the home kit.

And they were invited to display it at the Worcester Junior Cup final following an invitation from Dave King, Stourbridge FC youth team manager. They walked out with the team at Stourport and took part in the celebrations as Stourbridge beat Bewdley Town 7-2.



Stourbridge under-12s celebrate with winners Stourbridge FC Youth

Weather spoils the fun as several games head for an exciting finish

THERE were more draws than usual due to the weather as rain spoilt some matches that looked to be heading for exciting finishes.

But just as in last week's match, Stourbridge were able to complete their fixture before the weather could intervene and duly beat Bewdley 2 to 1.

Bromyard, for whom Zahid Saeed scored 104 not out, were the latest side to beat Romsley and are now in second place.

Unfancied Droitwich moved up to third with an efficient winning draw at Pedmore in a

Worcester Cricket League with Chris Marsh

rain-reduced match.

Likewise Worcester and Astwood Bank, both batting second when rain interrupted, were able to snatch winning draws from Pershore and Nomads respectively.

The final match saw Oldswinford record their first victory with a convincing win over Redditch.

In Division Two Burghill lead the way from Colwall after a win over neighbours Wormelow thanks to Alex Hedges' 156 not out.

Colwall beat Dominies by just

13 runs and in third sit Monmouth who trounced Kidderminster.

There was a win for Nether-ton, who beat Feckenham, while Hagley beat Malvern and Coombs Wood overcame Belbroughton.

Division Three's Rushwick had to cede top spot to Harborne – who beat Cookley by three wickets – as they were unable to get the final three Himbleton wickets needed for victory.

Alvechurch and Chaddesley follow in third and fourth on the same number of points after wins over Harvington and Old Vigornians

Then come Enville who drew with Stourport, Matt Branch notching 134 not out in reply to Dan Platt's 114 not out.

In the last match Lye thrashed Birlingham thanks to remarkable figures of 8-3 from Adam Meacham.

In Division Four Tenbury head Alvey by five points after wins against Himley and Barnards Green respectively and in Division Five Broms-grove opened up a 19-point lead by beating Claverley.

Division Six leaders Cutnall Green had Neil Fletcher to thank for his 148 not out and are just one point above Hallow and Netherton Thirds.



Karl Henry, front, and Kevin Foley throw their shirts to appreciative Wolves fans after the victory



Applause from Mick McCarthy

Albion must bid to discover the heirs apparent

FAREWELL then to 'The Hawthorns' best season of top-flight football since Bomber had a perm.

These days, it's Paul Scharner's barnet which catches the eye. But the blue and white imprint on this Premier League campaign has been a delight to watch, writes Martin Swain.

Now, though, the task begins to seek out the ingredients which will enable the proud old stadium to witness even better next time around – and that is not going to be easy.

The Baggies may have a hugely-respected and clearly-effective man at the helm in Roy Hodgson, while the unexpected reach of this outstanding season will have taken them up the food chain of Premier League predators.

But hemmed in by sub-30,000 attendances, Albion remain a club in search of a killing on the transfer market and, with that in mind, it was perhaps the man who wasn't there to witness this victory over Everton who is most significant.

Dan Ashworth's seat was empty, a sure sign that the club's sporting and technical director was once more on his travels to dig out another Odemwingie or Mulumbu.

It's not getting any easier for Ashworth because his reputation is beginning to spread and the cloak of anonymity which he used to relish has gone.

Recruits

Nowadays, Albion's Premier League rivals are alert to his presence and keen to pick up whatever scent he is following.

But if – and it's a big if – the club can find the right recruits this summer to add to the 2011 blend, what a vintage we may be tasting a year from now.

This has been a magnificent effort from all at the club which deserves its place as the best of the M6 quartet.

Albion were a majority choice for relegation this season and they are touching a top-10 finish. Incredible.

To have done it with a style of football that shames the view that Premier League newcomers have to play the percentages to survive adds even more credence to their achievements.

Well done Hodgson. And well done Di Matteo, lest we forget, who had the courage to risk his regime on a daring plot to keep the ball and attack more heavily-armed opposition. He floundered because, among other things, the



Baggies were not strong enough in depth when injuries and suspensions began to take away his most important players.

That is the gap Hodgson and Ashworth will be endeavouring to fill this summer because, if this final home game told us anything, it was what a difference those three or four men can make.

Back came the recently-missing Steven Reid, Chris Brunt and Paul Scharner – all absent at Molineux when Albion caved in under their neighbour's searing desperation. I suspect it might have been a little different had they been available.

We shall never know for sure, of course, but the difference in Albion's defending against Everton was marked. I counted 10 set-pieces thrown into the "mix" by Everton in the opening half-hour – free-kicks, corners, long throws, the lot. And each one failed to yield a single chance as Scharner, particularly, added his height and distinctive hairline to the resistance.

In players such as Brunt, Youssef Mulumbu, Jerome Thomas, James Morrison and the injured but potentially pivotal Graham Dorrans, Albion have highly adept midfield creators. They will try to find even better over the next few months.

Different

But it is undoubtedly Peter Odemwingie who has given them something different, and he was the box of tricks The Hawthorns has come to relish against Everton.

By the time he combined speed, skill and surprising strength to set-up Mulumbu's match-winner in the 10th minute, he had already raced away and fired into the side netting to warn Sylvain Distin and Phil Jagielka of their afternoon's labours.

While Everton plodded, Odemwingie led electric breaks from the back. Tim Howard stopped him scoring with one point-blank save, a goal-line clearance kept out an Odemwingie-like cut through by Thomas, Howard finger-tipped away a roaring free-kick from Brunt.

After the break the pattern remained the same, Everton beaten back without getting through to Scott Carson. Odemwingie springing forward to stretch and threaten the second goal. The only surprise was that it never arrived.

But the Baggies always made the better chances until Everton's frustrating afternoon was summed up as the last 15 minutes arrived.

On came Diniyar Bilyaletdinov for Phil Neville, promptly wasting his team's best chance with a poor finish from 15 yards.

Moments later, after barely five minutes on the pitch, the Russian was shown a red card for a late challenge on Morrison.

Now put your shirt on Wolves survival



George Elokobi celebrates after scoring Wolves' third goal

SEVERAL Wolves players threw their shirts into the away end at the final whistle as they allowed themselves a premature celebration.

The fans who received them would be pretty pessimistic not to put theirs on Wolves to survive now.

Ironically then that Messrs O'Hara, Hunt and Elokobi happily disposed of their gold jerseys into the jubilant away throng, because the very last thing they will do now is chuck in the towel.

As manager Mick McCarthy predicted, it's boiled down to one game – one last 90-minute blast to earn their cherished place in the Premier League for another year.

And, on the basis of the last two matches at least, they look like achieving their goal, writes Tim Nash.

A second successive 3-1 victory – and first at Sunderland since 1993 to give Wolves back-to-back wins for the first time this season – lifted them to the giddy heights of 16th by the time the FA Cup final kicked off on Saturday afternoon.

Bizarrely, this was also McCarthy's first Premier League victory at the Stadium of Light – at the 21st attempt over eight years, 19 of them as Sunderland manager. But it may yet prove to be his most important result at his former home.

This wasn't a vintage Wolves performance – but it was certainly a clinical and extremely effective one.

McCarthy's battlers attempted to rattle Sunderland from the start as they did against Albion. But, despite the hosts being without 12 players, it was the depleted Black Cats who were slicker than Wolves in a one-sided first half.

Led by the classy promptings of Bolo Zenden in an otherwise fairly youthful



line-up, they left McCarthy's side a firm second best by half-time although the teams went in level after Jody Craddock's poacher-like volley on his first appearance as a Wolves player at his old ground was cancelled out by Stephane Sessegnon.

However, for the second week in a row, the game turned Wolves' way after a masterstroke by McCarthy.

Six days after he shocked us all by dropping Matt Jarvis for Stephen Hunt, he made another inspired change. This time it was the half-time introduction of Jarvis for Adlene Guedioura, who had struggled to get into the game on the right wing.

In the euphoria of victory, it's easy to overlook how the win actually came about.

Decision

But over the last two games, and under the severest pressure to keep his side in the Premier League, McCarthy has shown a clear head to come up trumps just when his team needed it most.

He won't admit it, but his decision to drop Jarvis was as brave and courageous as it was controversial and, although the wing switch at the Stadium of Light was less high profile than the one at Molineux six days earlier, it had a similar impact.

Critics could argue McCarthy got lucky. Yet that is to ignore not just his quality of knowing his players inside out, but his clear interpretation of how a match will pan out.

Sunderland's right-footed left-back Phil Bardsley had a field day during the first half and McCarthy's switch meant the former Manchester United man was pinned back with plenty to think about.

By the time he rifled inches wide of a static and relieved Wayne Hennessey in the 19th minute, Zenden had already rattled Wolves' right-hand post and Sessegnon a shot palmed away.

And yet Wolves, showing surgeon-like precision, broke to score with their first attack four minutes later.

Captain Karl Henry won two tackles on the left-hand corner of the penalty area before feeding Hunt for the cross despatched from the opposite corner of the six-yard box by Craddock.

Jamie O'Hara, who had arguably his most effective game for Wolves, rattled the bar from 25 yards before Sessegnon punished poor defending to equalise 11 minutes before the break after the defence allowed Zenden's corner to bounce in the six-yard box.

But the second half was a different story as Wolves, infused by Jarvis' threat and gripped by greater urgency, took the upper hand.

Thankfully for Wolves, they also now have a vital cutting edge and there are few strikers in better goalscoring form than Steven Fletcher.

The £7m record signing was perfectly placed to climb above John Mensah at the far post to nod home his fifth in as many games and sixth in eight from Jarvis' leasing centre.

In doing so, he created history to become the first Wolves player since John Richards in 1980-81 to notch double figures in the top flight.

Soon after, Wolves perhaps received some of the luck they may be due when Hunt's contact on Sessegnon caused the makeshift striker to tumble in the box, but referee Mike Jones never flinched as the home fans howled for a penalty.

Instead it was Wolves who forced the pace as George Elokobi glanced home to make it 3-1 from O'Hara's free-kick. So to Sunday. It won't be one for faint hearts, but Wolves look like doing it. Put your shirt on it.



Youssef Mulumbu, right, celebrates his winning goal

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Golfers take aim at Las Vegas prize

TWO Enville golfers are taking aim at a winter trip of a lifetime to a Las Vegas golf resort.

Amateur Gareth Collins and his Enville PGA professional Richard Copsey need to come through the regional final of Europe's biggest pro-am competition, the Virgin Atlantic PGA National Pro-Am Championship.

Collins took his first big step

towards a luxury trip to the grand final at the Loews Lake Las Vegas Resort between December 2-8

when he won the club qualifying competition with a net score of 68.

He and Copsey now advance to Little Aston Golf Club on Friday, July 8.

It is one of 16 regional finals and will be decided on one round of better-ball medal play. The winners

at each regional final will secure their place on board a Virgin Atlantic jet for the 36-hole Grand

Final being staged at the Jack Nicklaus-designed South Shore Course.

The tournament draws in more than 50,000 competitors from across Great Britain and Ireland and is now its 27th year.

The PGA National Pro-Am has a prize fund of £30,000, with the

winning professional at the Grand Final taking home a cheque for £5,000.

Collins lives in Stourbridge and plays off a handicap of seven.

Copsey, aged 34, has been a professional at Enville for 16 years.

Last year's winners were from Pannal Golf Club in North Yorkshire, Dave Padgett partnered by amateur Jonathan Honeysett.

OLD HILL SUFFER SWIFT COLLAPSE

Old Hill (1pt) 64, Berkswell (20pts) 65-4. Berkswell won by six wickets

OLD HILL capitulated in less than three hours having lost a vital toss and being put into bat in their match against Berkswell at Haden Hill.

Mike Hingley (10) and Dan Cox (six) looked comfortable enough before the mayhem started, with Old Hill collapsing from 16-0 to 26-7 after just nine overs.

Indifferent batting in the heavy atmosphere, coupled with some accurate bowling from Thomas Milnes (4-21) and Chris Cheslyn (3-16), left Old Hill with a mountain to climb.

Late resistance from Nigel Davenport (14) and Mark Fisher (10) pushed the score up a trifle before the hosts folded for 64 off 22.1 overs, **writes Derek Griffiths.**

Berkswell lost three early wickets but soon coasted towards their meagre target.

Young keeper Philip Neale (25 not out) accumulated nearly half their runs as the visitors won by six wickets inside 19 overs.

Kidderminster Victoria (7pts) 215-7, Old Hill (13pts) 186-6. Draw

The seconds saw their game on a flat Chester Road wicket interrupted by rain showers.

Having won the toss Old Hill decided to field and restricted the hosts to 215-7 off 50 overs

Old Hill cricket

thanks to some disciplined bowling from Connor Smith (3-40), Jared Daniels (2-60) and Jonny Baig (1-38).

Old Hill's target for a winning draw was calculated at 173 but they got off to the worst possible start, falling to 25-4.

However some excellent batting from Smith (48) and Daniels (40), as well as Joe Thorne who hit 56 not out, saw the visitors post 186-6 from 40 overs.

Old Hill (15pts) 240-6, Hanley Castle (4pts) 160-4. Draw

Rain also played a major factor when the thirds drew with Hanley Castle at Wassell Grove. Excellent batting from

Dan Such (95) and Steve Derham (56) took Old Hill up to an imposing total of 240-6.

Such also starred with the ball, taking two wickets as Old Hill tried to prevent Hanley scoring 217 to secure a winning draw from 45 overs.

Dan Jones also took two wickets as the visitors struggled to 160-4, giving Old Hill an extra two points for a winning draw.

Old Hill (6pts) 168-8, Hanley Castle (12pts) 122-5. Draw

Batting first, Old Hill scored 168-8 wickets from their allotted 45 overs with Iffy Khan (42) and Jon Baig Jr (40) the leading scorers.

The home side needed to score 112 off 30 overs to gain a winning draw and managed 122-5 at the close with Irfan Ahmed (2-8) the pick of the bowlers.

ECB National Club T20 Competition Old Hill 185-4, West Bromwich Dartmouth 102. Old Hill won by 83 runs

Old Hill took on Premier League leaders West Bromwich Dartmouth and engineered a comprehensive victory over their opponents.

The home side totalled a massive 185-4 from their 20 overs, with captain Nathan Round (47) and Alex Hills (56 not out) leading the charge. Carl White also chipped in with 32 from 15 balls at the death.

The visitors started their reply well enough in the early overs but the Old Hill bowlers soon made inroads.

Zafraan Ali (3-17), Jon Baig (2-8) and Jared Daniels (2-4) took wickets at regular intervals and West Bromwich Dartmouth were bowled out for 102 in 16.2 overs.

Gornal thwarted in cup glory bid



Old Wulfs manager Tim Tipton alongside man of the match James Skedgel

A FIRST-HALF strike from Robin Sheffield and a second-half double from substitute Ricky Anslow thwarted Gornal Athletic's dreams of JW Hunt Cup victory.

Instead it was AFC Wulfrunians, in their fourth final in six years, who hoisted one of the region's most famous old amateur football trophies after victory against their fellow West Midlands League side at Noose Lane, Wenhall.

A tight opening period on Friday turned decisively towards Wulfs when they were awarded a 24th minute free-kick which Mark Tipton powered towards goal.

It was headed goalwards by Mark Swann, forcing a good save from Gornal keeper James Pemberton – but Robin Sheffield was on hand to net the loose ball at the far post.

Dropped

With that lift, Wulfs went on to dominate and Danny Crudginton went close to doubling their lead with a looping header which dropped on to the top of the net.

Gornal, however, almost fashioned an equaliser on the stroke of half-time when Marvin Nisbett latched on to a ball over the top and tried his luck with a lobbed effort which drifted agonisingly wide.

Gornal came out more determined at the start of the second half and should have levelled in the 49th minute when Paul Henley headed over from eight

AFC Wulfrunians 3 Gornal Athletic 0

yards. Young then had a chance when the ball fell to him after Callum Martin's run in to the area had been halted but the young full-back fired wide with keeper Danny Tipton closing him down quickly.

And these missed chances proved critical as Wulfs regained control. Swann had an effort cleared off the line and James Skedgel saw his hooked shot strike the bar before they extended their lead in the 64th minute.

Mensah Kinch's deep cross found Anslow in space and headed home at the far post.

A third goal in injury time rubbed salt into the Gornal wounds.

Kinch was again the provider as he burst through the defence before squaring for Anslow to tap home his second.

The other big winners of the night were the Beacon Centre for the Blind which receives all profits from the competition.

Cheltenham to visit Glassboys in a friendly

STOURBRIDGE will welcome league opposition to the War Memorial Athletic Ground in July.

League Two side Cheltenham Town will be the visitors for a pre-season friendly.

The Gloucestershire side finished 17th last season and are managed by former Kidderminster boss Mark Yates.

They will take their first-team squad to the Stourbridge ground on Tuesday, July 12.

Cheltenham visited Amblecote on several occasions in the 1970s and early 1980s before beginning their rise from the Southern League to the Football League.

A week after playing The Robins, Stourbridge will entertain Kidderminster Harriers on July 19.

Following that the Glassboys travel to Market Drayton (July 23), Halesowen Town (July 30), Lye Town (August 4) and Stourport Swifts (August 6) for four more pre-season fixtures.

Invitation only trials are taking place for the Stourbridge FC under-18 team at Old Halesonians Rugby Club, Wassell Grove Lane on June 6 and 13 (6.45pm). Email manager Dave King on dave@soccerkings.co.uk with your "football cv".

Half-century for de Silva in fine victory

WEST BROMWICH Dartmouth maintained their early season form, beating Wellington by 45 runs in the Birmingham League.

They top the Premier Division with Knowle and Dorridge after Ruki De Silva top-scored with 52.

Ateeq Javed hit 48 as the Sandwell Park outfit totalled 188 at Wellington.

In reply, Wellington slumped to 143 all out.

Walsall beat Wolverhampton by seven wickets after Wolverhampton slipped from 120-2 to 151 all out.

Anish Kapil (65) and Sundeeep Patel (43) laid a good base for Wolves but Paul Byrne celebrated his return for Walsall with 5-57.

Worcestershire's Jack Manuel (65) and veteran Paul Baker (38 not out) steered Walsall home.

Smethwick are still hunting a first win after losing to current champions Shrewsbury by eight wickets. Faissal Shahid (77) and Mo Usman (45) helped Smethwick to 194-5 but Shrewsbury made 195-2 with ease.

Craig Wood (79 not out) and Chris Pyke (42) were in good touch but Kidderminster Victoria suffered a losing draw with Barnet Green after making 220-5. James Ralph hit 34 and Neil Pinner added 29.

Slumped

Barnet Green slipped to 42-3 before rallying to score 202-6.

Himley beat Leamington by 16 runs. They made 217-9 with Stuart Wedge top scoring with 61 and Danny Smith then took 5-37 to dismiss Leamington for 201.

In Division One Old Hill slumped to 64 all out as they lost by six wickets to Berkswell.

Relegated Walmley crushed much-fancied Wombourne by eight wickets.

Division Two leaders Cannock registered their second win of the season at Fordehouses.

Adeel Khan took 4-27 as the Wolverhampton side were shot out for 108 before Dave Womble's unbeaten 46 steered Cannock to the summit.

Halesowen lost to Water Orton by six wickets despite posting 221. James Tandy (53) and Ajantha Weerapuli (40) made good starts for Halesowen.

In Division Three Bruce Thomason (92) and Chris Pearce (77) fired Brewrod to 247-7 against Wednesbury, who tumbled to 46-5 in 29 overs before an early abandonment.

Chance to win a trip abroad

FOOTBALLERS from Brierley Hill will have the chance to scoop national glory and a trip abroad next month.

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The tournament is now in its fourth year. Details on 0845 230 2340 or visit www.national-tournament.com

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Norton is told to defend title

STOURBRIDGE'S Rob Norton has been told to defend his British cruiserweight title against Terry Dunstan – as Cradley's Chris Male is given a shot at the English featherweight crown.

Norton, one victory away from a Lonsdale belt, hasn't defended his title since January of last year. But now the British Boxing Board of Control says he must face English champion Dunstan by the end of September. Rights have gone out to pursue bids, which must be received by June 8. And if no offer is made, it will be scrapped, **writes Craig Birch.**

Sky Sports is unlikely to want Norton, aged 39, and Dunstan, 42, on its Saturday Night Fight show – making it an expensive fight to stage without television coverage.

Challenger

And Norton is also loathe to give Dunstan the opportunity. He is known to have serious problems with giving a shot at the British title to a fighter who served over five years in jail for false imprisonment, blackmail and aggravated burglary.

Meanwhile, Male has been named as a challenger to the vacant English featherweight belt by the board, and could face hot prospect Joe Murray for the title. British Masters champion Male has been picked ahead of Midlands title-holder Del Rogers to co-challenge with Murray, who boxes for Ricky Hatton's promotional company.

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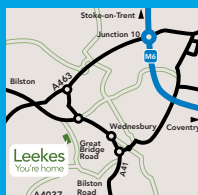
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